

POWER MAN AND IRON FIST



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WALKER
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GREENE
HEPBURN

CIVIL WAR II

MARVEL

POWER MAN

ORPHAN DANIEL RAND EARNED THE POWER OF THE IRON FIST IN THE MYSTICAL CITY OF K'UN LUN. AS AN ADULT, DANNY OVERSEES THE RAND CORPORATION AND MOONLIGHTS AS IRON FIST: KUNG FU DEFENDER OF THE INNOCENT.

PRISONER LUKE CAGE WAS SUBJECTED TO EXPERIMENTS THAT GAVE HIM SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH AND DURABILITY. AS POWER MAN, HE'S BEEN A HERO AND AN AVENGER, AND NOW A HUSBAND AND FATHER.

ONCE UPON A TIME, THEY WERE THE HEROES FOR HIRE.

CIVIL WAR II

THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW INHUMAN — AN INHUMAN WITH THE POWER TO PREDICT THE FUTURE — HAS SAVED MANHATTAN FROM CERTAIN CALAMITY! BUT IN THE AFTERMATH OF THIS TRIUMPH, FACED WITH THE REALIZATION THAT THEY NOW POSSESS THE ABILITY TO FORECAST TOMORROW, EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS ARE FORCED TO MAKE A CHOICE: PROTECT THE FUTURE...OR CHANGE IT?

BACK TOGETHER AS THE HEROES FOR HIRE, LUKE AND DANNY WERE JUST GETTING USED TO BEING A TEAM AGAIN. NOW IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'LL HAVE TO CHOOSE SIDES IN A WAR.

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CIVIL WAR II

YOU WON'T
BELIEVE
WHO HIRED
THESE HEROES!

WALKER
FLAVIANO
RAUCH



Orphan Daniel Rand earned the power of the Iron Fist in the mystical city of K'un Lun. As an adult, Danny oversees the Rand Corporation and moonlights as Iron Fist: kung fu defender of the innocent.

Prisoner Luke Cage was subjected to experiments that gave him superhuman strength and durability. As Power Man, he's been a hero and an Avenger, and now a husband and father.

Once upon a time, they were the Heroes for Hire.

POWER MAN AND IRON FIST



The emergence of a new Inhuman—an Inhuman with the power to predict the future—has saved Manhattan from certain calamity! But in the aftermath of this triumph, faced with the realization that they now possess the ability to forecast tomorrow, Earth's greatest champions are forced to make a choice: Protect the future... or change it?

Back together as the Heroes for Hire, Luke and Danny were just getting used to being a team again. Now it looks like they'll have to choose sides in a war.

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NEWLY RE-FORMED HEROES FOR HIRE.



DANNY RAND
(A.K.A. IRON FIST.)



LUKE CAGE
(A.K.A. POWER MAN.)

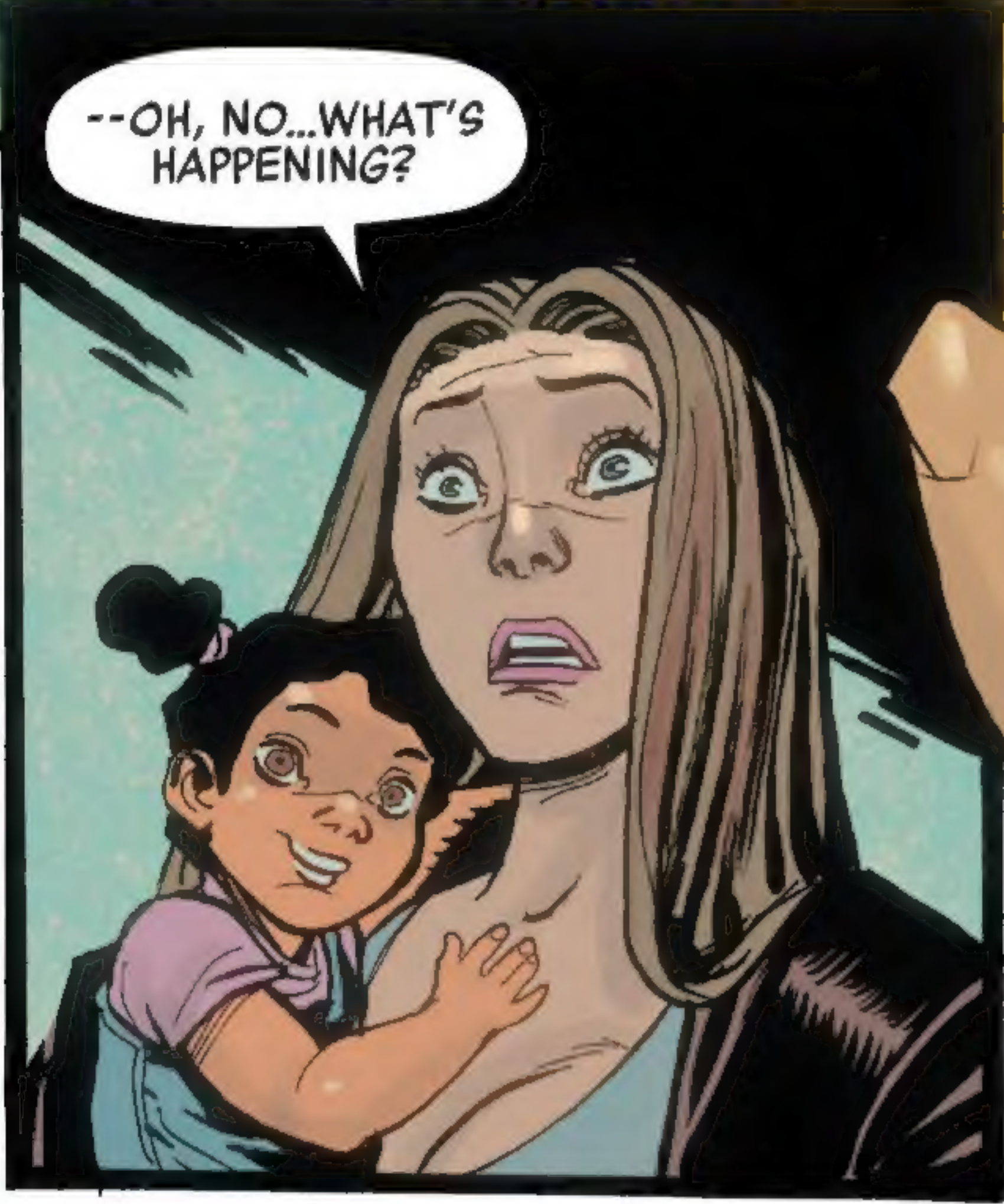
HEY! I FIGURED
IF YOU TWO ARE REALLY
GOING TO DO THIS, SOMEONE
NEEDS TO MAKE SURE YOU
EAT MORE THAN JUNK
FOOD AND--



JESSICA JONES
(A.K.A. MS. JONES TO YOU.)



DANIELLE CAGE
(C.A.H.: CUTE AS HECK.)



--OH, NO...WHAT'S
HAPPENING?



THIS...IT...THIS
CAN'T BE HAPPENING.
NOT AGAIN.

JESSICA, BABY,
GET DANIELLE OUTTA
HERE. I DON'T WANT
HER SEEING THIS.

SWEETIE, WE
CAN'T COVER HER EYES
EVERY TIME SOMETHING BAD
HAPPENS, ESPECIALLY NOT IF
YOU AND DANNY ARE GOING
TO DO THIS THING.

IF WE RUN
AND HIDE WHENEVER
THE WORLD TURNS INTO A
#@%\$ SHOW, DANIELLE WILL
NEVER SEE HER FATHER.
AND THAT'S NOT
HAPPENING.



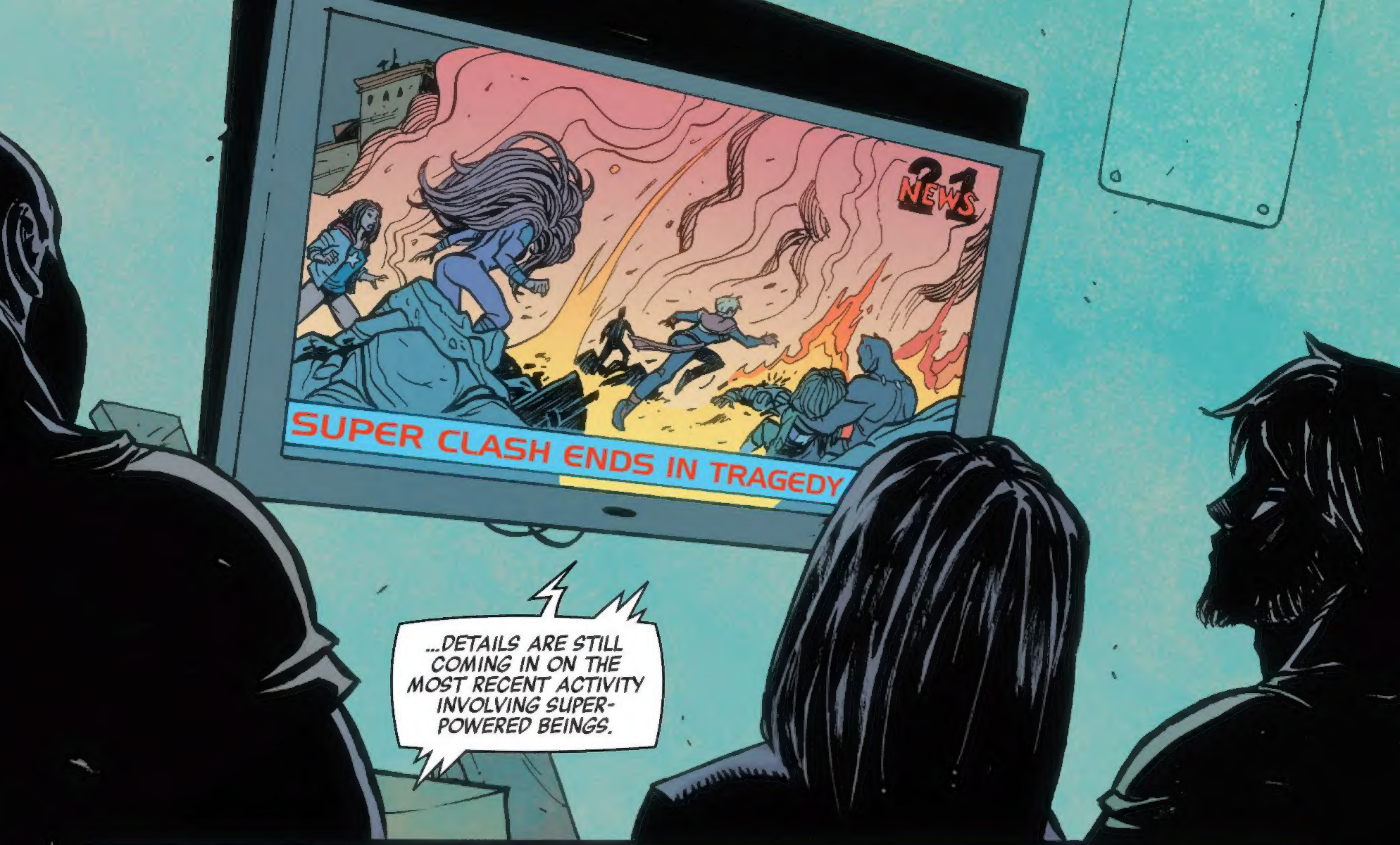
JESSICA,
BABY...I
JUST...



EVERY DAY,
IT'S SOMETHING
NEW.

NO, EVERY DAY
IT'S THE SAME OLD
SAME OLD.

IT'S OKAY,
BABY GIRL. PAPA'S
HERE TO PROTECT
YOU FROM ALL
OF THIS.



...DETAILS ARE STILL COMING IN ON THE MOST RECENT ACTIVITY INVOLVING SUPER-POWERED BEINGS.

ONE CASUALTY HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AT THIS POINT.

I FEEL SICK.

THAT'S A GOOD SIGN. IT MEANS YOU'RE STILL MORE HUMAN THAN LIVING WEAPON.

GEE, THANKS. I THINK.

JAMES RHODES, BEST KNOWN AS WAR MACHINE, HAS BEEN CONFIRMED DEAD. RHODES, A CLOSE FRIEND OF TONY STARK, HAD AT VARIOUS TIMES BEEN AFFILIATED WITH BOTH S.H.I.E.L.D. AND THE AVENGERS...



SOME TIME AGO...

...I'M JUST SAYIN', YOU BLEW UP A BUILDING, MAN. AN ENTIRE BUILDING!

AND I'M JUST SAYING, THE BUILDING WAS EMPTY. KEEPING THE WORLD SAFE COMES WITH A PRICE.

YEAH, WELL, YOU BETTER GET YOUR BOY TONY STARK ON THE PHONE AND TELL HIM HE SHOULD COUGH UP SOME MONEY TO COVER THESE DAMAGES.

YOU KNOW THE AVENGERS FOLLOW THROUGH. SPARE ME THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS THUG ROUTINE. THAT WENT OUT OF STYLE AFTER TUPAC DIED.

DID YOU JUST CALL ME A THUG?!

LOOK, I THINK WE ALL JUST NEED TO CALM DOWN.

IGNORE HIM, MY FRIEND.

I MIGHT BE A THUG, BUT AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE STANK BREATH FROM KISSIN' TONY STARK'S ASS.

OUCH.

YOUR SKIN MAY BE UNBREAKABLE, CAGE, BUT I CAN STILL PULVERIZE YOUR BONES TO DUST.

OH YEAH? I'LL PEEL THAT TIN CAN OFFA YOU AND BEAT YOUR NEKKID ASS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO SEE!

"I CAN'T BELIEVE RHODEY IS DEAD. CAROL MUST BE FALLING APART."

"LUKE, BABY..."

...ARE YOU OKAY?

HAD SOME BEEF WITH RHODEY A WHILE BACK. PETTY STUFF.

NEVER GOT AROUND TO SQUASHING IT.

THERE ARE ALSO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF SHE-HULK BEING CRITICALLY INJURED DURING THIS LATEST SKIRMISH.

SMOOOOOCH

ALSO SOME TIME AGO...

JEN...I'M SO...SORRY?

IT'S OKAY. YOU JUST SAVED MY LIFE, EMOTIONS ARE HIGH, AND...WELL...YOU JUST SAVED MY LIFE.

STILL, IT WAS UNPROFESSIONAL.

AND YOU'RE A LAWYER, SO YOU COULD SUE ME FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

AND IF MISTY EVER FOUND OUT...I MISS HER SO MUCH.

FIRST OF ALL, I KISSED YOU, SO IF ANYONE WOULD BE DOING THE SUING, IT WOULD BE YOU.

AND I WON'T SAY ANYTHING TO MISTY. BUT IF I CAN GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE, DON'T LIVE YOUR LIFE WAITING FOR THE DAY YOU TWO GET BACK TOGETHER. YOU'RE A GREAT GUY...

...AND YOU KISS ALMOST AS GOOD AS YOU FIGHT. MAYBE EVEN A LITTLE BETTER.

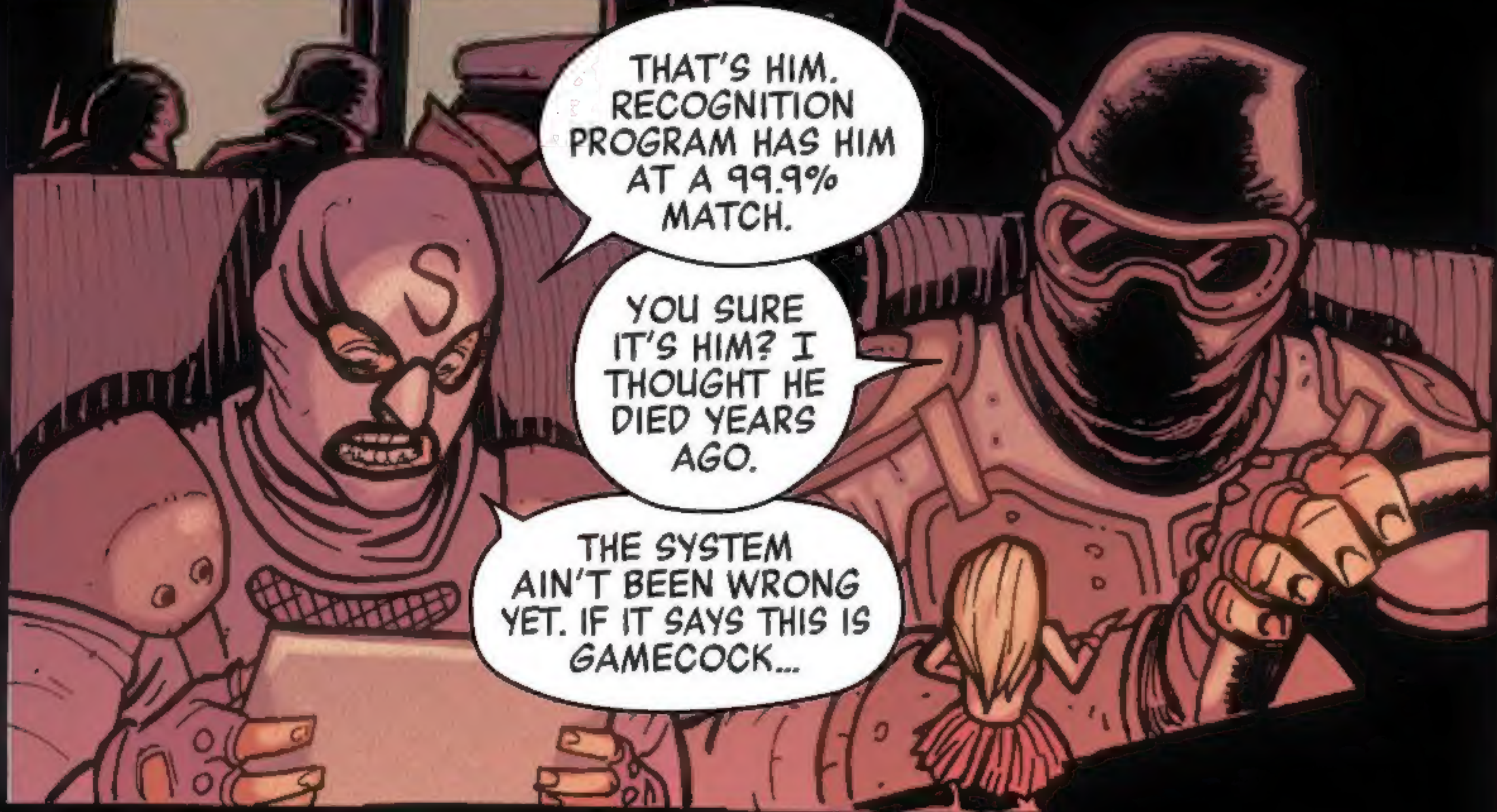




CHARLES CARDONA
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS CARLOS CABRERA, A.K.A. GAMECOCK.)

PREEMPTIVE STRIKE

(CONCERNED CITIZENS TAKING THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.)



THAT'S HIM. RECOGNITION PROGRAM HAS HIM AT A 99.9% MATCH.

YOU SURE IT'S HIM? I THOUGHT HE DIED YEARS AGO.

THE SYSTEM AIN'T BEEN WRONG YET. IF IT SAYS THIS IS GAMECOCK...



...THEN THAT'S WHO IT IS. BESIDES, IF HE'S INNOCENT...



...HOW COME HE RAN?



I DON'T WANT NO TROUBLE!



SHOULD'VE
THOUGHT OF
THAT BEFORE YOU
BROKE THE LAW,
CARLOS.

THE NAME
IS CHARLES.
CHARLES
CARDONA.



NOT
ACCORDING
TO OUR INTEL,
AMIGO.

100%
CONFIRMATION



OOF!



WHACK



WHAM

BAM

KRAK

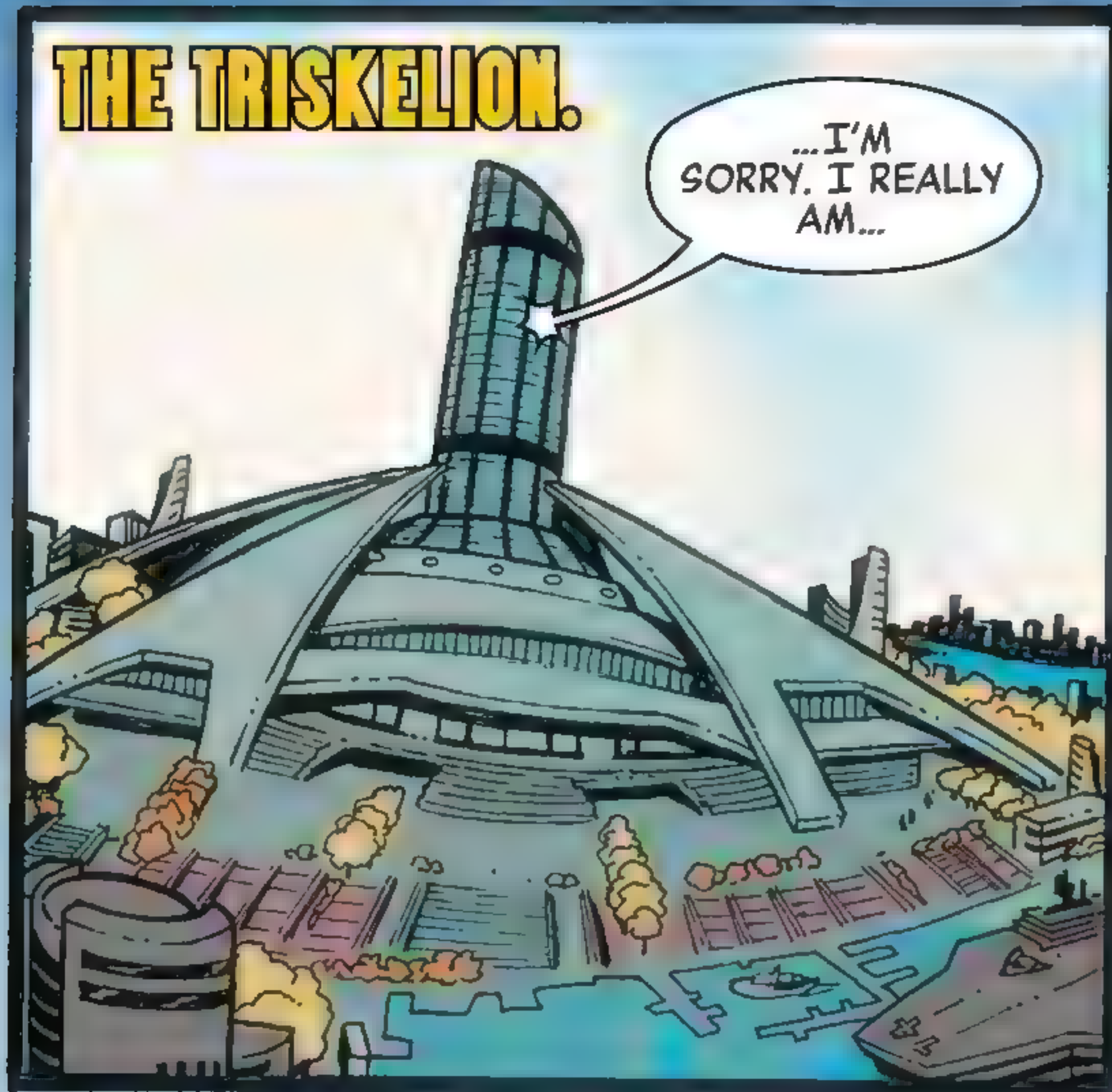
POW

KRUNCH



AND
THAT IS
THAT.

ALL
RIGHTY,
THEN. WHO'S
NEXT ON
THE LIST?



THE TRISKELION.

...I'M
SORRY. I REALLY
AM...

**DR. ADAM
BRASHEAR**
(A.K.A. BLUE
MARVEL.)

...BUT JENNIFER
IS IN NO CONDITION TO
HAVE VISITORS. AND BECAUSE
YOU'RE NOT IMMEDIATE FAMILY,
WE CAN'T GIVE YOU THE
SPECIFICS OF HER
CONDITION.

C'MON,
WE'RE NOT JUST
ANYBODY.



S'OKAY,
MAN.

I
UNDERSTAND.
IT'S JUST...

SO THE
RUMORS ARE
TRUE...



...THE
TWO OF
YOU REALLY
ARE BACK
TOGETHER.

IF IT
WERE DIFFERENT
CIRCUMSTANCES, I'D
SAY WE SHOULD
CELEBRATE.

CAROL DANVERS
(A.K.A. CAPTAIN MARVEL.)

CAROL,
WE'RE REALLY SORRY
TO HEAR ABOUT
RHODEY.

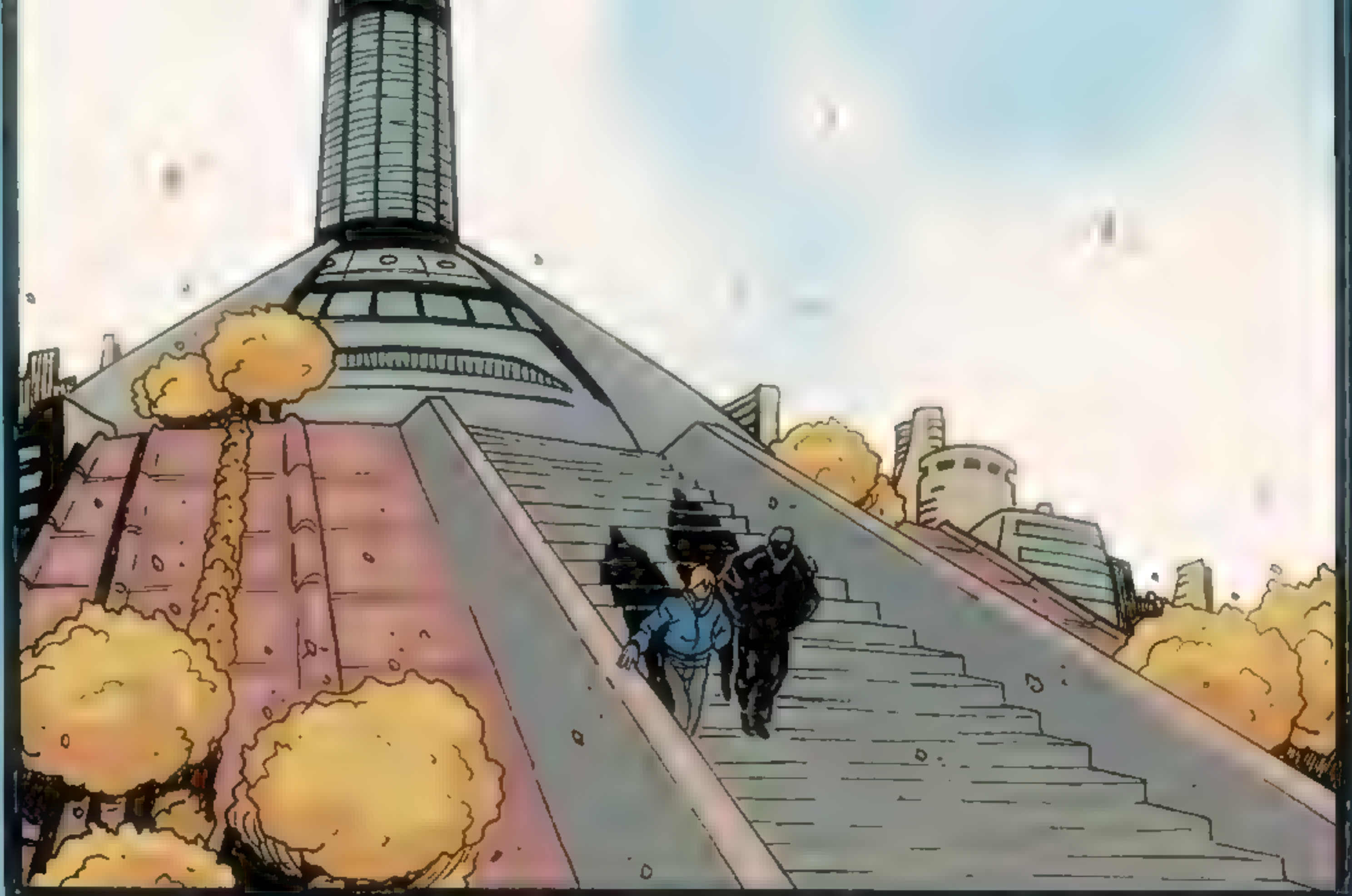
THANKS. I
KNOW YOU GUYS...
WELL... HE REALLY
RESPECTED YOU,
LUKE.

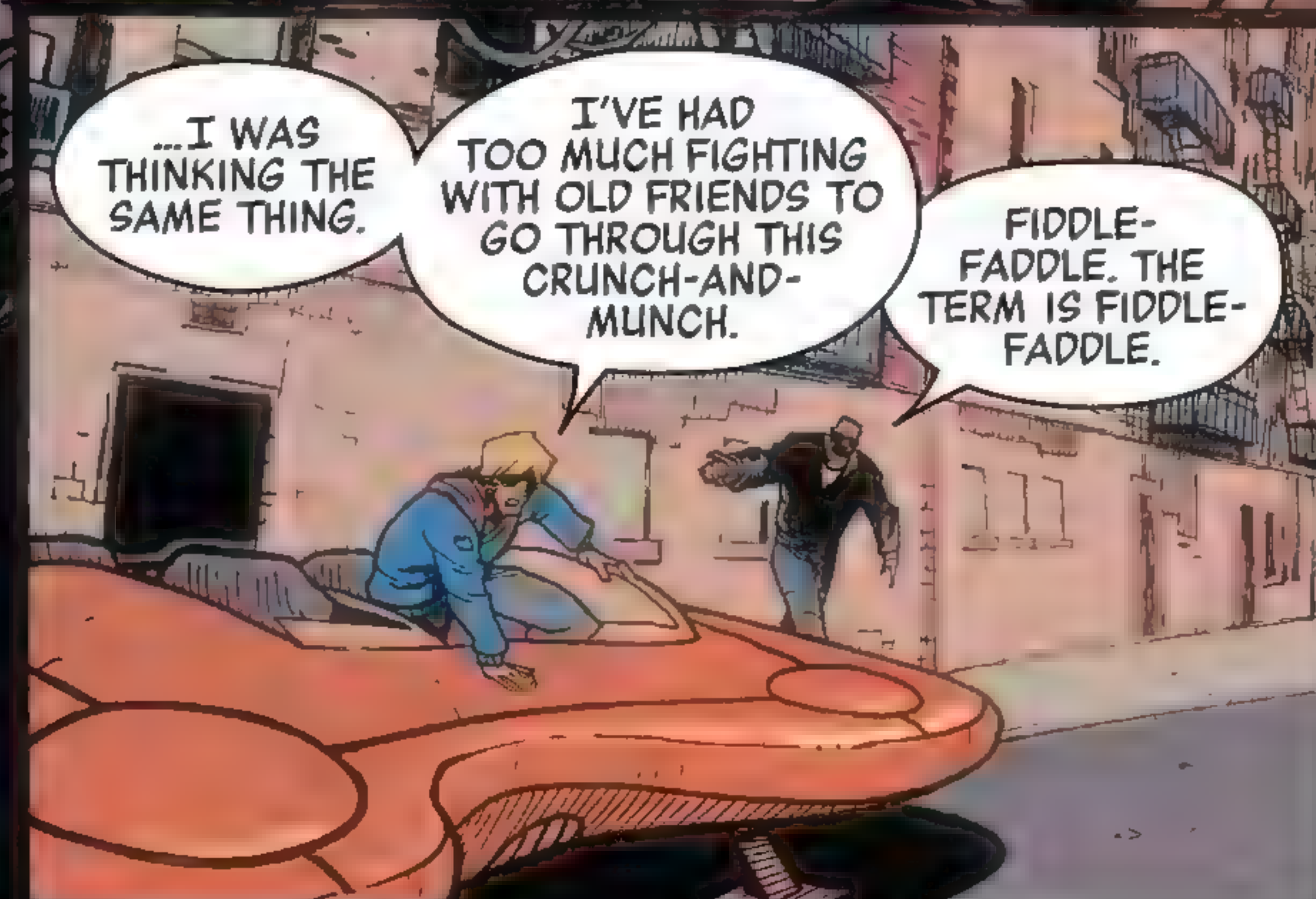
IS THERE
ANYTHING WE
CAN DO TO
HELP?

YOU CAN GIVE
ME A MINUTE OF YOUR
TIME--LET ME EXPLAIN TO YOU
WHAT'S GOING ON. I'M NOT
ASKING YOU TO CHOOSE
SIDES...

OF
COURSE,
YOU CAN EXPLAIN
IT ALL TO
US.

MOST
DEFINITELY.
THAT'S WHAT
WE'RE HERE
FOR.







SHADRICK DANIELS
(A.K.A. MANGLER, FORMER CRIMINAL.)

YA THINK
I'M PLAYIN' 'ROUND
HERE?!

I AIN'T
DONE A DAMN THING
WRONG!



OH, BUT
YOU *WILL* DO
SOMETHING WRONG,
MANGLER. AND THAT'S
WHY WE'VE COME
FOR YOU.

WRONG!

YOU
CAME FOR A
BEATDOWN!





YOU SURE THIS IS THE PLACE?

POSITIVE. LET'S GET THIS @#\$% OVER AND DONE.

"HOW MANY TIMES I GOTTA SAY IT..."

THE NEXT DAY.

...WE ARE **NOT** PAINTING THIS PLACE YELLOW.

BUT YOU **LOVE** YELLOW. YOU WEAR YELLOW SHIRTS, LIKE, ALL THE TIME!

AND THOSE YELLOW BUCCANEER BOOTS YOU USED TO WEAR? TELL ME THOSE WEREN'T CUSTOM-MADE.

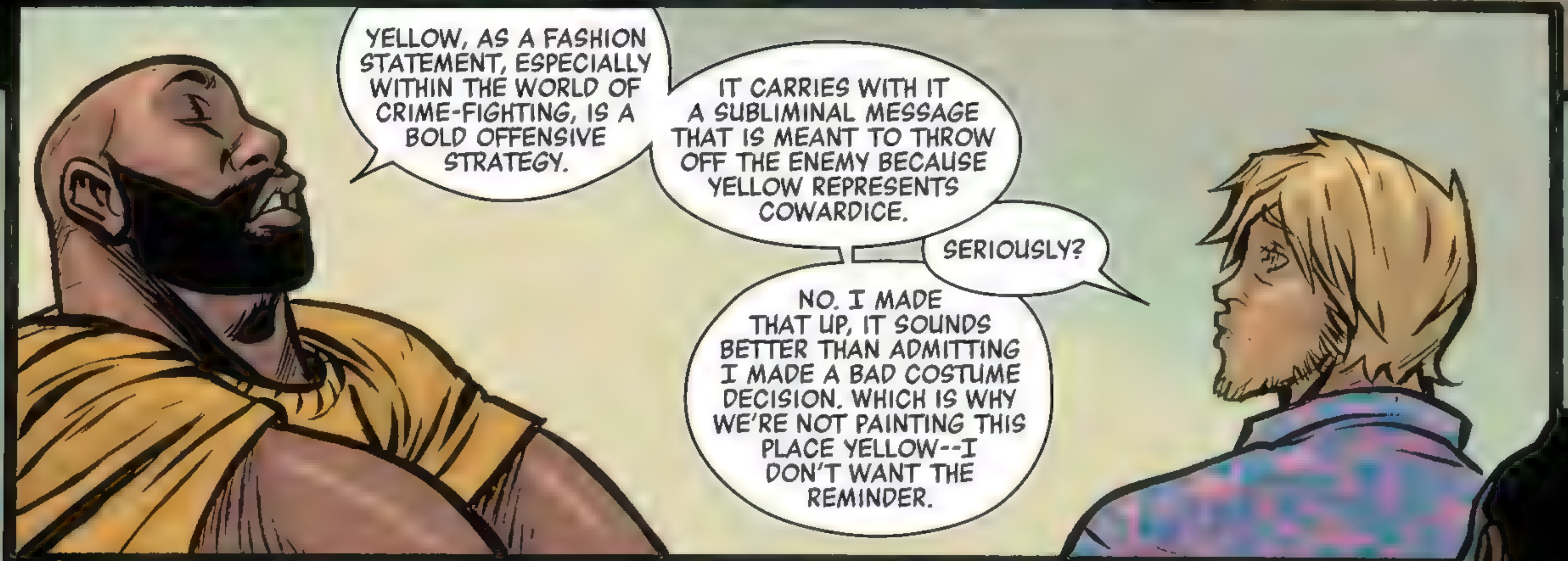


YELLOW, AS A FASHION STATEMENT, ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE WORLD OF CRIME-FIGHTING, IS A BOLD OFFENSIVE STRATEGY.

IT CARRIES WITH IT A SUBLIMINAL MESSAGE THAT IS MEANT TO THROW OFF THE ENEMY BECAUSE YELLOW REPRESENTS COWARDICE.

SERIOUSLY?

NO. I MADE THAT UP, IT SOUNDS BETTER THAN ADMITTING I MADE A BAD COSTUME DECISION. WHICH IS WHY WE'RE NOT PAINTING THIS PLACE YELLOW--I DON'T WANT THE REMINDER.



HEARD THE TWO OF YOU WAS BACK TOGETHER.

SWEET CHRISTMAS.



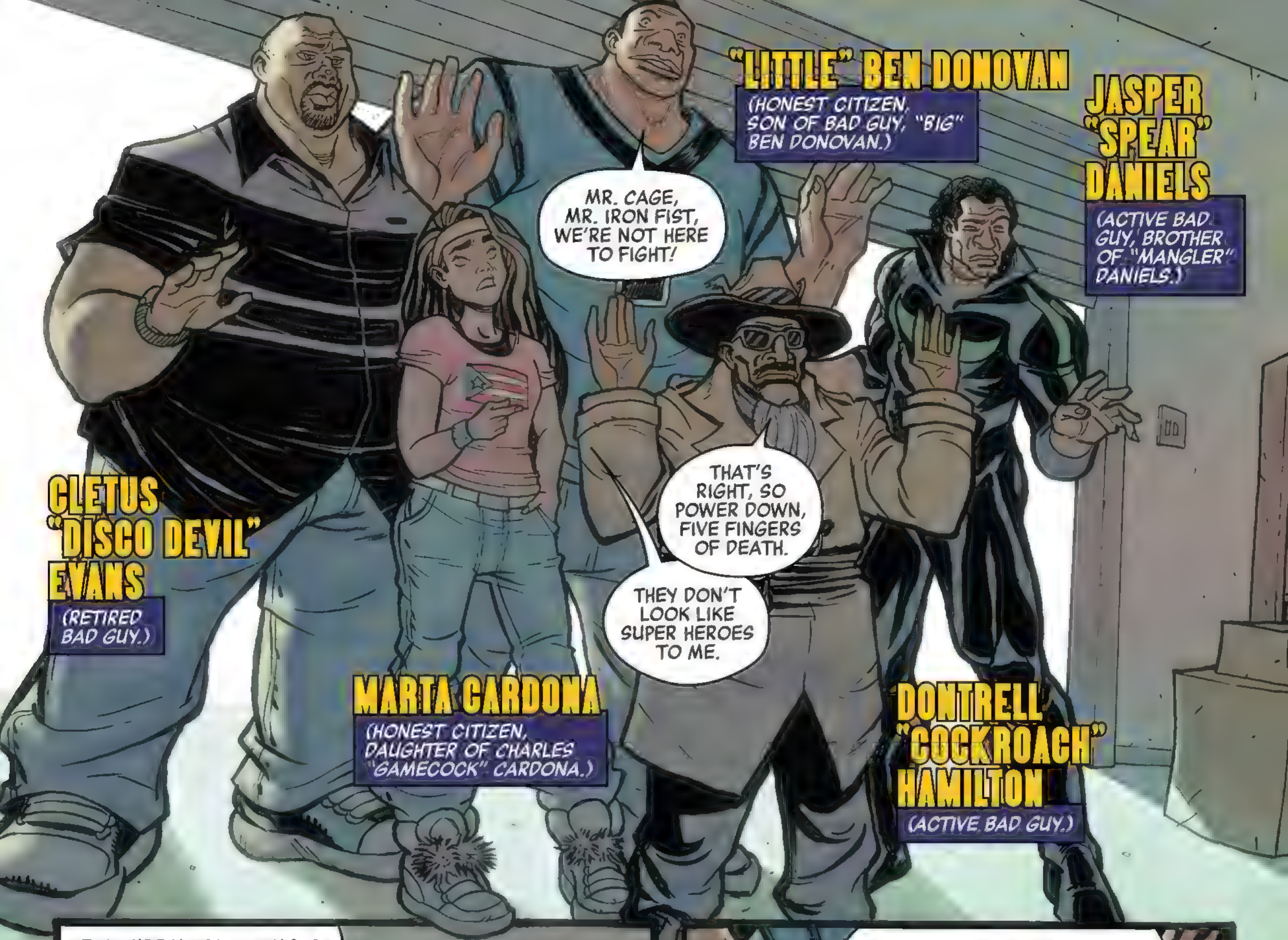
NO ONE TOLD US THAT THE **PLEASE-BEAT-MY-ASS CONVENTION** WAS IN TOWN.

RAINING?

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU ALL SHOULD'VE BROUGHT UMBRELLAS--'CAUSE WE'RE ABOUT TO START RAINING ASS KICKINGS.

IT'S A CREATIVE METAPHOR.





**CLETUS
"DISCO DEVIL"
EVANS**
(RETIRED
BAD GUY.)

"LITTLE" BEN DONOVAN
(HONEST CITIZEN,
SON OF BAD GUY, "BIG"
BEN DONOVAN.)

**JASPER
"SPEAR"
DANIELS**
(ACTIVE BAD
GUY, BROTHER
OF "MANGLER"
DANIELS.)

MR. CAGE,
MR. IRON FIST,
WE'RE NOT HERE
TO FIGHT!

THAT'S
RIGHT, SO
POWER DOWN,
FIVE FINGERS
OF DEATH.

THEY DON'T
LOOK LIKE
SUPER HEROES
TO ME.

MARTA CARDONA
(HONEST CITIZEN,
DAUGHTER OF CHARLES
"GAMECOCK" CARDONA.)

**DONTRELL
"COCKROACH"
HAMILTON**
(ACTIVE BAD GUY.)



IF YOU'RE NOT LOOKING TO
FIGHT, YOU BETTER HAVE A
GOOD REASON FOR BEING
HERE.

YEAH,
'CAUSE I'VE
GOT AN ITCH THAT
CAN ONLY BE
SCRATCHED
BY--

PLEASE,
STOP WITH
THE CREATIVE
METAPHORS.

TENDER
BUT
TOUGH



LOOK, EVERYONE KNOWS HOW
TOMBSTONE HIRED YOU FOR
PROTECTION WHEN THAT SKINNY
WHITE GIRL GOT
POSSESSED...

...AND
THAT'S WHAT WE
WANNA DO--HIRE
Y'ALL TO *PROTECT*
US. THAT'S WHAT
YOU DO. HEROES.
FOR. HIRE.



YOU
CONFUSED?

I'M
CONFUSED.

TOMBSTONE
DID HIRE US.

YEAH,
BUT THAT
WAS...

EXACTLY.

AND
THIS
IS...

MOST
DEFINITELY.



EXCUSE ME,
MR. CAGE, MR.
IRON FIST, WE CAN
EXPLAIN ALL
OF THIS.

A FEW MINUTES
LATER...

WHAT DO
YOU THINK? IS
SOMEONE RUNNING
AROUND HUNTING
DOWN EX-
CONS?

COULD
BE.

BUT WHO'S
DOING THE HUNTING,
AND WHY'D THEY PICK
THESE GUYS?

I
MEAN, C'MON...
GAMECOCK?

I CAN
HEAR YOU/
Y'KNOW THAT,
RIGHT?

SORRY,
KID. YOUR FATHER...
HE WAS A QUALITY
BAD GUY.

THE
BEST. NEVER GOT
THE RESPECT HE
DESERVED.

LOOK, I KNOW MY PAPI WASN'T ANYTHING SPECIAL BACK IN
THE DAY. BUT NOW...HE'S ON THE ONE HUNDRED. RAISED ME ON
HIS OWN AFTER MOM DIED. WORKS HARD. PAYS HIS BILLS.
AND HE **DON'T** BREAK THE LAW.

SO, YOU
GONNA HELP
ME FIND HIM OR AM
I JUST WASTING
MY TIME?

OF
COURSE WE'RE
GOING TO HELP
YOU.

WE'RE GONNA
HELP ALL OF YOU.
NEVER ANY QUESTION
OF THAT, KID.

YEAH, WE
JUST NEED
TO--





THIS IS FOR
MESSIN' UP MY NEW
HEADQUARTERS!

OUR NEW
HEADQUARTERS.

FAB
A
A
M

SMACKETA



WHO YOU
CALLIN'?

THE COPS!

MAN,
NEVER CALL
THE COPS!



COPS ARE ALREADY
COMIN'! I CAN HEAR
THE SIRENS!



STAY
BEHIND
ME!



BOOOOM

HOLD
ON, KID!

AAAAHHH!



EVERYBODY,
ON THE GROUND!
NOW!



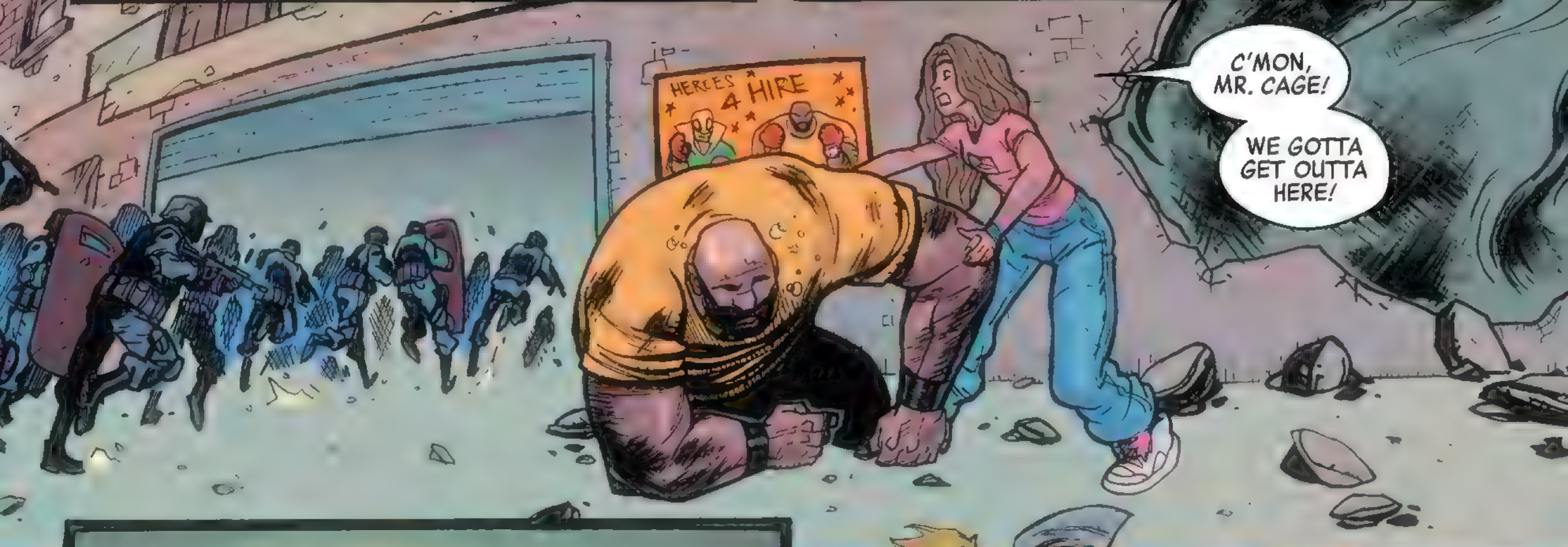
TOLD YOU
NOT TO CALL
THE PIGS!

SORRY! I
WASN'T THINKIN'
STRAIGHT!



YOU
COSPLAYIN'
PUNKS COME RIGHT
OUTTA A COMIC
BOOK!

BLAAAP



C'MON,
MR. CAGE!

WE GOTTA
GET OUTTA
HERE!



THWAK

GET...
OFF...



LET THE MAN
BREATHE!

FWA
PAK



PSH.
COPS.

YOU FOOLS
ARE GOING TO
GET SOMEBODY
KILLED!



HURRY
UP!

HEROES
4 HIRE

SHUT
UP AND HELP,
DONTRELL!



FREEZE!

IT'S OKAY...
I USED TO BE
AN AVENGER.



GOTTA...
HELP
DANNY!

AIN'T
NO HELPIN'
HIM FROM
THAT!

SEE YA!
WOULDN'T
WANNA
BE YA!



LUKE LETTERS & DANNY DIATRIBES

Hello all,

Lots of letters and not a lot of space, so I'm going to turn things right over to David Walker to take it away!

Dear Marvel,

I just started reading comic books like three weeks ago, and am already hooked. Almost \$200 later, POWER MAN AND IRON FIST is one of my favorite comics to read. I knew of Luke Cage from other material and was excited by his story; he makes my personal top five super heroes, easily. I am glad to see him acting like an adult and struggling to leave the childishness of his past behind now that he has a family. I'm still young and childless, but am feeling the tug-of-war between adulthood and adolescence. I look forward to reading more; please keep up the good work.

Much love,
William M.
Ewing, NJ

\$200? Are you buying copies for your friends and family? Seriously though, thank you for the kind words and support. For some of us, that tug-of-war between adulthood and adolescence never goes away. So says the middle-aged writer with a collection of action figures in his office and no socks that match.

Dear David, Sanford, Lee, and crew:

I just read issue #3 and wanted to drop you this line to inform you how much I'm enjoying your take on POWER MAN AND IRON FIST. You've given these characters soul which easily makes me forget these people are two-dimensional works of art and puts me into their world. Usually, I go for lots of drama in my books, but the lighthearted moments in your stories are refreshing. Keep up the great work, everyone. This one is a keeper on my pull list.

John A.
Knoxville, TN

We'll be bringing some drama soon enough, with some laughs thrown in, so if you love us now, your affection is about to increase significantly. Sanford and I (and our amazing editors) communicate all the time on how to make sure both Power Man and Iron Fist continue to show depth of character. Not to be a snob...but a series must have soul to be engaging, and soul resides in the characters.

To the awesome crew of POWER MAN AND IRON FIST:

Thanks so much for an awesome first

three issues. I got the recommendation to read #1 from a comic podcast that I listen to, and I did enjoy issues #1 and #2. #3, however, sold me on the series. There were some great laughs in this comic, and please tell me we will get more Señor Mágico! Keep up the amazing work, and Make Mine Marvel.

Blessings,
Patrick
NC

If I may brag for a moment...I knew people would love Señor Mágico. That said, I surprised how much they love him. I had a lot of fun bringing that character to life, Sanford nailed it visually, and because he's such a fun character, Señor Mágico will return.

I just finished POWER MAN AND IRON FIST #3. Congratulations to the entire PM AND IF team! You've created the best comic on the stands! Sanford Greene is an amazing talent, and David Walker is writing a fantastic story that captures the great chemistry these two characters have. I hope David and Sanford will be sticking around for quite a while. I had high expectations when this book was announced, and it has exceeded all of them so far. Thank you for making this awesome series.

Zac Goyette

Sanford and I plan to be around on this book forever. Literally. We will just keep writing it and drawing it, even if someone tells us to stop. And just to set the record straight, Sanford took a break from drawing for two issues (#5 and #6). This was always the plan. He hasn't left the book. He is not behind schedule. He'll be back in #7, along with Flaviano, for an issue that will blow your mind.

Greetings,

I would like to first thank you for making the new POWER MAN AND IRON FIST series. I have been appreciating the '70s style and Afro-American culture that permeates the book. I always enjoy the reuse of old characters, especially black and female characters. So with that having been said, I am really enjoying the reappearance of Black Mariah and her new sensible looks. I feel that portraying sistahs with a good, realistic appearances as well as the generic comic-book body type is excellent. I liked the idea of Black Mariah from before, but felt her '70s appearance was overly, unrealistically large. So it is

nice to see her look more like a realistic, attractive, healthy sistah. Thank you for that. The slight appearances of the other black characters (like Hypno-Hustler) in issue #2 were cool; too.

I look forward to the continuation of this series, and hopefully more appearances of a range of diverse, realistic images of brothas and sistahs (i.e. Black Mariah, Big Ben Donovan, Hypno-Hustler, etc.).

Also, I would like to eventually enter the realm of comic book writing, and several of my stories feature a '70s background and black casts. It is refreshing and encouraging to see this work, and most of all, inspiring.

Always a Luke Cage and black
supers fan,
Gavin Matthew Campbell Howard

Thank you so much. We talked a lot about how Black Mariah would look and act upon her return. We definitely need to see more women of color in comics, with varying body types, as both heroes and villains, and I'm doing my best to make sure that happens. If you want to get into comics, then you've just got to do it. The late great actor William Marshall (star of the legendary Blacula films) once told me, "We have to learn to activate our dreams." Truer words were never spoken.

I think Howard the Duck has the grit to do a crossover with Power Man and Iron Fist. Make it so.

Terry
Oakland, CA

I'm still trying to convince Marvel to let me do a Howard the Duck meets Blade the Vampire Slayer mini-series. But I agree, it would be great for Howard to cross paths with Luke and Danny. Until any of this happens, though, please tell me you're reading the current HOWARD THE DUCK series, 'cause it is fresh (do the kids still say "fresh"?).

Speaking of fresh, it's time to bring this letters page to an end before things get stale.

Thanks again to all of you for your amazing support of this book, and we'll see you back here next month for more CIVIL WAR II. Trust me, you're not going to want to miss it.

**Until then, stay weird!
-Jake T.**

NEXT:
POWER MAN
& IRON FIST 7



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MARVEL

CIVIL WAR™ II



**WALKER
GREENE
FLAVIANO
RAUCH**

CIVIL WAR II

POWER MAN & IRON FIST

DANIEL RAND IS IRON FIST, KUNG-FU DEFENDER OF THE INNOCENT. LUKE CAGE, SOMETIMES CALLED POWER MAN, HAS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH AND DURABILITY. HE'S BEEN AN AVENGER, AND IS NOW A HUSBAND AND FATHER. THEY ARE THE HEROES FOR HIRE.

EARTH'S HEROES PREVENTED A CATAclySMIC EVENT THANKS TO AN INHUMAN WHO SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO PREDICT THE FUTURE. ACTING ON HIS VISIONS, CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS SAVED LIVES, BUT NOT WITHOUT TERRIBLE COSTS. AS TENSIONS RISE, EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS MUST MAKE A CHOICE: PROTECT THE FUTURE...OR CHANGE IT?

LUKE AND DANNY CHOSE NOT TO FIGHT THEIR FRIENDS. BUT THE BATTLE OVER PREDICTIVE JUSTICE CAME TO THEM IN THE FORM OF PREEMPTIVE STRIKE: A GROUP OF VIGILANTES HUNTING ANYONE WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD. SOME OF THEIR TARGETS AND THEIR TARGETS' FAMILIES WERE LOOKING FOR HELP AT H4H HEADQUARTERS WHEN PREEMPTIVE STRIKE, THEN THE POLICE, BUSTED IN. LUKE WAS PULLED AWAY AND ESCAPED, BUT DANNY KICKED A CLIENT FREE FROM AN OFFICER'S HOLD, AND WAS TAKEN IN.

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**DANNY
"IRON FIST"
RAND**

(SUPER HERO,
CURRENTLY IN JAIL,
AWAITING TRIAL
DATE.)

...I APPRECIATE
YOU REACHING OUT
TO ME, BUT, DANNY,
I'M NOT THE PERSON
YOU NEEDED
TO CALL.

I CAN'T CALL
LUKE. HE WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND.

MISTY KNIGHT

(DANNY'S
EX-GIRLFRIEND.)

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

YOU'RE FACING
CHARGES FOR ASSAULTING
A POLICE OFFICER. WITH YOUR
POWERS, THAT'S GOING TO BE
BUMPED UP TO ATTEMPTED
MURDER.

NOW IS NOT
THE TIME FOR YOU
TO STAND BY SOME
HONORABLE CONVICTIONS
OF ATONEMENT THAT
GOT BEATEN INTO
YOU BACK IN
K'UN LUN.

THAT'S
NOT WHAT I'M
DOING...

THEN
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

WHAT KIND
OF MORAL STAND
ARE YOU TAKING
THIS TIME?

WHAT POINT
ARE YOU TRYING TO
PROVE TO YOURSELF?
OR TO LUKE? OR
TO ME?

BECAUSE WHATEVER
STATEMENT YOU THINK
THIS IS MAKING...YOU'RE
NOT MAKING
IT.

YOU'RE
GOING TO PRISON,
DANNY.

WITH YOUR
PAST--WITH THE ENEMIES
YOU'VE MADE--YOU'LL BE A
WALKING TARGET. IF YOU'RE
LUCKY, YOU'LL BE HELD IN SOLITARY
CONFINEMENT. AND TO BE CLEAR,
THAT'S NOT A GOOD THING, EITHER.

"IS THAT IT? DID HE
SAY ANYTHING ELSE..."

**DECOMMISSIONED S.H.I.E.L.D.
SAFE HOUSE.**



...LIKE
WHY HE CALLED
YOU AND NOT
ME?

IF YOU
WERE HIM,
WOULD YOU
CALL YOU?

YES.



NO.

I DON'T
KNOW.



AT HIS BEST,
NO ONE CAN COMPARE
TO DANNY. BUT AT HIS...MOST
CHALLENGING...WELL...YOU
KNOW HIM AS WELL
AS I DO.

THIS ISN'T
THE DANNY THAT I
LOVED. THIS IS THE DANNY
I BROKE UP WITH--THE SILENT
ONE, WHO BECOMES EMOTIONALLY
CLOSED OFF AND TURNS
INTO A TICKING
TIME BOMB.



I'M NOT
LETTING HIM
DO THIS.



STOP RIGHT
THERE.

WHATEVER
YOU'RE ABOUT
TO SAY, I DON'T
WANT TO
HEAR IT.

JUST
HEAR ME
OUT...



NO. I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'VE
GOT COOKING
WITH THESE
FOLKS...



...AND I DON'T
WANT TO KNOW.
THERE'S SOME HEAVY
THINGS GOING DOWN
RIGHT NOW,
LUKE.



PEOPLE
ARE TAKING SIDES,
JUST LIKE LAST TIME...
AND YOU AND I, WE
DIDN'T SEE EYE-
TO-EYE THEN.

THIS ISN'T
ABOUT US AGREEING
OR DISAGREEING OVER
WHATEVER IT IS CAROL
AND TONY ARE
FIGHTING
OVER--

UNTIL
IT IS ABOUT
THAT.



GOOD LUCK
WITH WHATEVER
CRAZY THING YOU
DECIDE TO DO.
I LOVE YOU
BOTH...

MISTY,
HOLD UP A
SECOND.

BZZT
BZZT
BZZT



...BUT
I CAN'T HELP
YOU.

JUST WAIT
ONE KNICK-KNACK-
PADDY-WHACKIN'
MINUTE.

WHAT DID
YOU JUST SAY
TO ME?



SORRY 'BOUT THAT, JESS. I WAS TALKING TO MISTY.

SOUNDS LIKE IT'S GOING WELL.

OH, JUST DANDY.

JESSICA JONES

(LUKE'S WIFE, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR.)



DANIELLE JONES-CAGE

(JESSICA AND LUKE'S DAUGHTER.)

COLLEEN WING

(PROFESSIONAL BADASS, MISTY KNIGHT'S FORMER PARTNER.)

I'M CALLING FROM WHAT MUST BE THE LAST WORKING PAY PHONE IN ALL OF NEW YORK, WHICH IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED WITHIN VIEW OF OUR APARTMENT.

AND YOU'RE RIGHT...



...SOMEONE IS STAKING US OUT. ONCE I GET OFF THE PHONE WITH YOU, I'LL RUN THE PLATES.



I'VE GOT COCKROACH HAMILTON OUT GATHERING INFORMATION.

I NEED YOU WATCHING OUT FOR DANIELLE AND YOURSELF. NO NEED TO BE A DETECTIVE.



FIRST OF ALL, COCKROACH HAMILTON'S GOT NOTHING ON ME.

SECOND, COCKROACH IS NOT YOUR BETTER HALF, AND DOESN'T HAVE YOUR BEST INTEREST AT HEART.

I'VE GOT THIS COVERED. COLLEEN IS HELPING WITH DANIELLE...

LOTUS SHINCHUKO

(FORMER TOKEN FEMALE MEMBER OF SONS OF THE TIGER.)

"...AND LIN AND LOTUS ARE HELPING WITH RECON AND SURVEILLANCE."

YEAH, MORE. GIVE ME THAT REAL UPTOWN FLAVOR!

LIN SUN

(FORMER MEMBER OF SONS OF THE TIGER.)

"IN ABOUT FIFTEEN SECONDS THEY'LL HAVE PHOTOS OF WHOEVER IS IN THE VAN..."

...AND THEN I'LL GET TO WORK.

WE'LL FIGURE OUT WHO THESE #E%@*S ARE.

THIS IS ALL PART OF WHY I LOVE YOU, JESSICA JONES. BUT PLEASE, BE CAREFUL. I NEED TO KNOW THAT YOU AND DANIELLE ARE SAFE.

I CAN'T BE WORRYIN' ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU AND DANNY AT THE SAME TIME.

"NOT TO BE RUDE..."





WE NEED TO FACE IT, CAGE AIN'T COMIN' BACK HERE. MAYBE HE'S FIGURED OUT WHAT WE'RE DOING.

I DOUBT IT.

BUT IF HE HAS FIGURED IT OUT, IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, DUMBASS...

...YOU DROPPED THE AGNITUS.

ARTIE SIGMUND

(BOUNTY HUNTER/VIGILANTE.)

ISADORE DUDLEY

(EX-COP/BOUNTY HUNTER/VIGILANTE.)

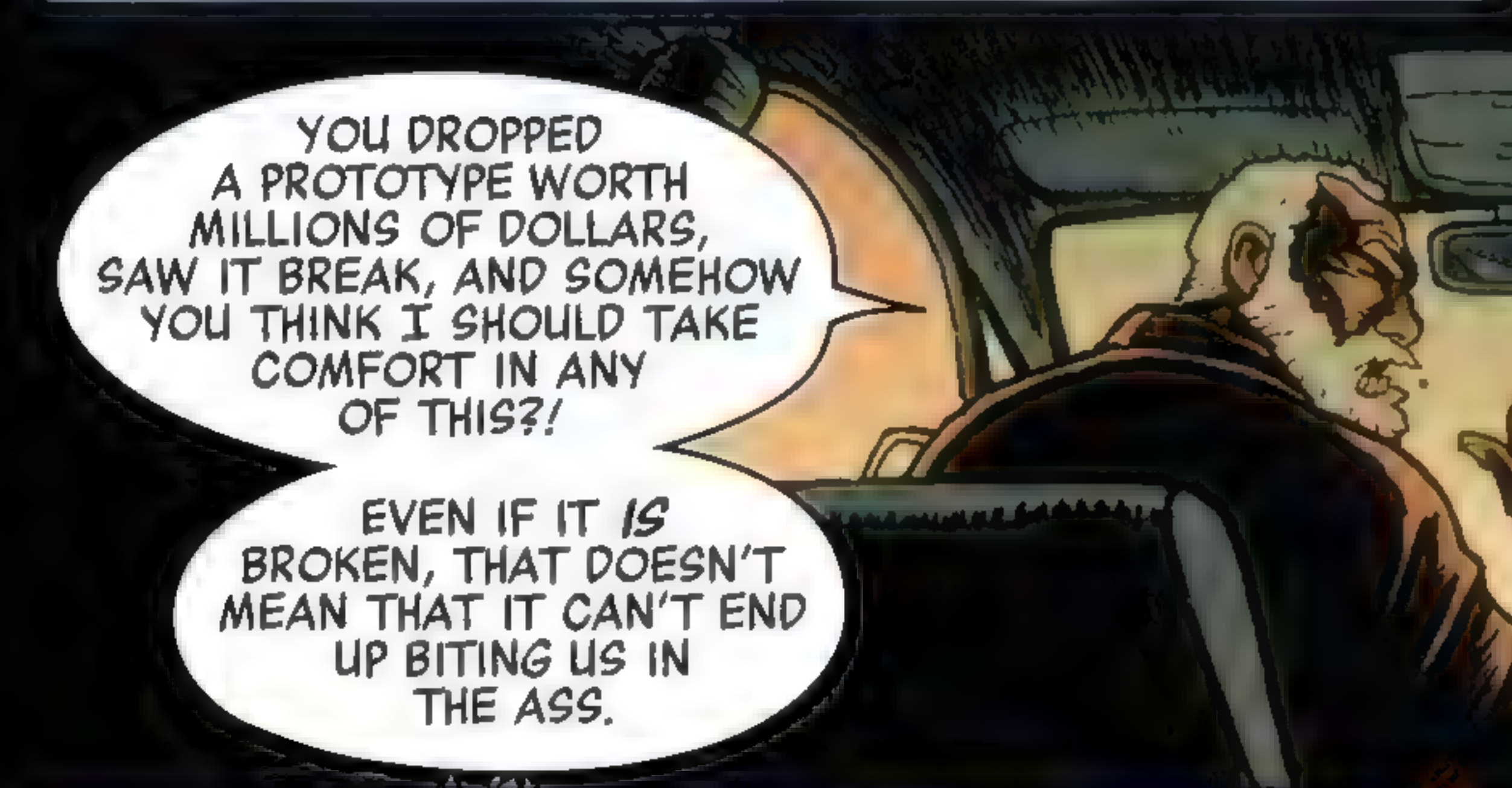


"I KNOW I DROPPED IT. YOU KEEP REMINDING ME. KNOW WHAT ELSE I KNOW?"



I KNOW THAT IT BROKE. I SAW IT BREAK.

AND BECAUSE I SAW IT BREAK, I KNOW IT'S BROKE, SO I KNOW IT DOESN'T WORK, WHICH MEANS THERE'S NO WAY CAGE CAN KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING.



YOU DROPPED A PROTOTYPE WORTH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, SAW IT BREAK, AND SOMEHOW YOU THINK I SHOULD TAKE COMFORT IN ANY OF THIS?!

EVEN IF IT *IS* BROKEN, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT CAN'T END UP BITING US IN THE ASS.



"AND MAYBE BEIN' BITTEN ON THE ASS IS YOUR THING, BUT I FIND IT PAINFUL. I TRY TO AVOID CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE IT MIGHT HAPPEN."



FOR MY SAKE, YOUR SAKE, AND THE SAKE OF ALL THE PEOPLE WE WORK WITH, YOU BETTER PRAY THE AGNITUS IS REALLY BROKEN.

"HEY! I FIXED IT!"

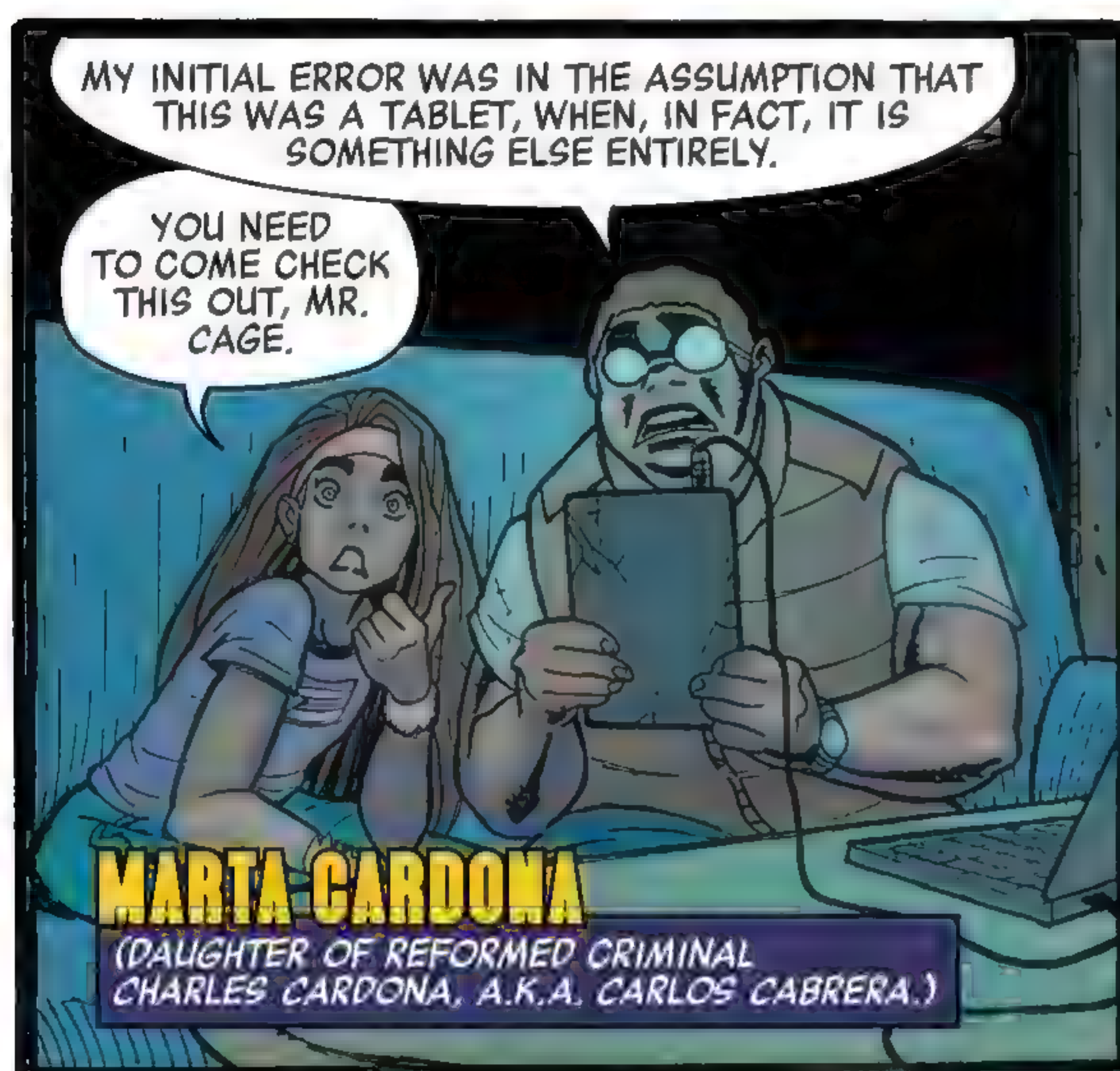


YOU SURE ABOUT THAT, GADGET?

INDUBITABLY.

GADGET

(A.K.A. GADGET-MAN, ALL-AROUND COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS GENIUS.)



MY INITIAL ERROR WAS IN THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS WAS A TABLET, WHEN, IN FACT, IT IS SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY.

YOU NEED TO COME CHECK THIS OUT, MR. CAGE.

MARTA CARDONA

(DAUGHTER OF REFORMED CRIMINAL CHARLES CARDONA, A.K.A. CARLOS CABRERA.)



IF THIS THING AIN'T A TABLET, WHAT IS IT?

ADMITTEDLY, IT LOOKS LIKE A TABLET, AND FUNCTIONS IN MUCH THE SAME WAY IN THAT IT SENDS AND RECEIVES INFORMATION...

...BUT THIS THING IS DESIGNED TO RUN ONLY ONE SPECIFIC PIECE OF SOFTWARE.



I'M REBOOTING THE SOFTWARE NOW.



AGNITUS. I KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS-- I LEARNED IT IN MY LATIN CLASS. IT MEANS "RECOGNITION."

OKAY. BUT WHAT IS THIS THING?







WU-TAH!

I'M NOT AFRAID!

COME TO ME, MY SON...

THE DEMONS...I HAVE DEFEATED THEM...

NO! YOU'RE NOT MY FATHER!

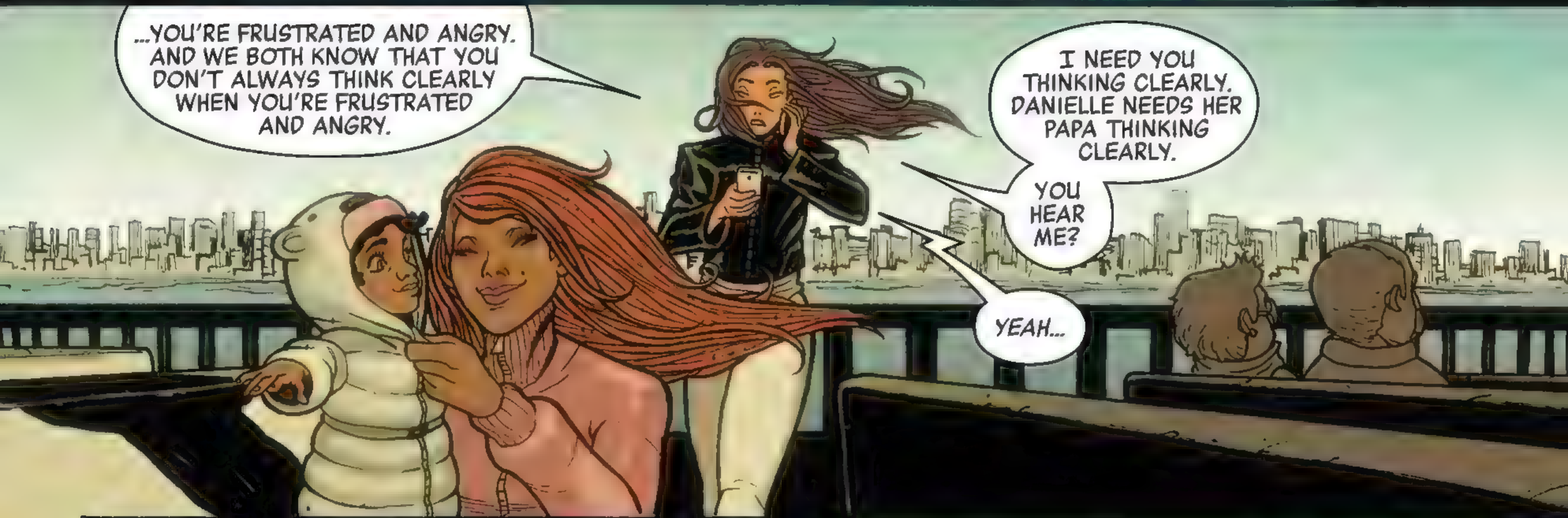
"I KNOW, IT FEELS LIKE THE WORLD IS FALLING APART. I NEED YOU TO LISTEN TO ME..."



...ARE YOU LISTENING?

YEAH, I'M LISTENING.

I CAN HEAR IT IN YOUR VOICE, SWEETIE...



...YOU'RE FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY. AND WE BOTH KNOW THAT YOU DON'T ALWAYS THINK CLEARLY WHEN YOU'RE FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY.

I NEED YOU THINKING CLEARLY. DANIELLE NEEDS HER PAPA THINKING CLEARLY.

YOU HEAR ME?

YEAH...



...IT'S JUST THAT...I DON'T KNOW.

MAYBE IF ME AND DANNY HADN'T GOTTEN BACK TOGETHER...

STOP RIGHT THERE, LUKE CAGE. THE CRACKS IN YOUR ARMOR ARE STARTING TO SHOW, AND THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR THAT.

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU AND DANNY GETTING BACK TOGETHER.



I KEEP GOING OVER IT IN MY MIND.

THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENS...YOU START OVERTHINKING, AND DOUBTING, AND FEELING GUILT AND SHAME, WHICH LEADS TO FRUSTRATION AND ANGER.

YOU ARE NOT DOING ANY OF THAT. YOU ARE THINKING CLEARLY. I AM THINKING CLEARLY. THIS IS WHAT WE BOTH NEED TO DO.

NOW, SAY IT WITH ME...



I AM THINKING CLEARLY. I AM A @#%& SUPER HERO, AND I THINK CLEARLY.





OKAY. NOW
LET'S GET DOWN TO
BUSINESS...

I MANAGED
TO I.D. ONE OF THE
CREEPS STAKING OUT
OUR APARTMENT.

HOW
BAD IS
IT?

THE GOOD
NEWS IS HE
ISN'T WITH HYDRA,
SO...YOU KNOW
THERE'S THE
BRIGHT
SIDE.

HE'S EX-NYPD.
LEFT THE FORCE TO
PURSUE A CAREER AS A
BOUNTY HUNTER, WHICH MEANS
HE WAS PROBABLY
FIRED.



I'LL SEND
YOU EVERYTHING I
HAVE ON HIM.

I LOVE YOU,
WOMAN.

YOU TAKIN'
DANIELLE AND DOING
THAT THING WE'VE
TALKED ABOUT?



JUST LIKE WE'VE ALWAYS PLANNED. COLLEEN IS
GOING WITH US AND WE'LL BE AT THAT PLACE
BY THE THING WE WENT TO THAT
ONE TIME.

I'LL COME
GET YOU WHEN
THIS IS OVER AND DONE.
LOVE TO YOU AND
DANIELLE.

LOVE
YOU, TOO,
SWEETIE.



ANY LUCK
FIGURING OUT
WHO DESIGNED THIS
SOFTWARE AND
WHY?

NOT YET.
SORRY.

I HOPE THE
OTHERS ARE
DOING BETTER
THAN US.



"YOU GOT SOME
PAIR ON YOU TO BE
SHOWIN' UP HERE..."



...EVERYONE KNOWS YOU DONE TURNED SNITCH. EVEN HEARD YOU WAS WORKIN' FOR LUKE CAGE.

YEAH.

YEAH.

NOW YOU ROLL UP IN HERE LIKE YOU GARFUNKEL TRYIN' TO GET BACK WITH SIMON.

IT DON'T WORK THAT WAY, DONTRELL.

YEAH.

RAYMOND "PIRANHA" JONES
(LOW-LEVEL CRIME BOSS.)

CLETUS "DISCO DEVIL" EVANS
(REFORMED CRIMINAL, IN OVER HIS HEAD.)

I AIN'T NO SNITCH AND YOU KNOW IT. I DEAL IN INFORMATION AND MAYHEM.

NOW, I COME LOOKIN' FOR INFORMATION, BUT YOU KEEP TALKIN' THAT MESS, I'M PREPARED TO DELIVER SOME MAYHEM.

DONTRELL "COCKROACH" HAMILTON
(CRIMINAL, SNITCH, GENERALLY UNTRUSTWORTHY.)



WHA'CHU WANT?

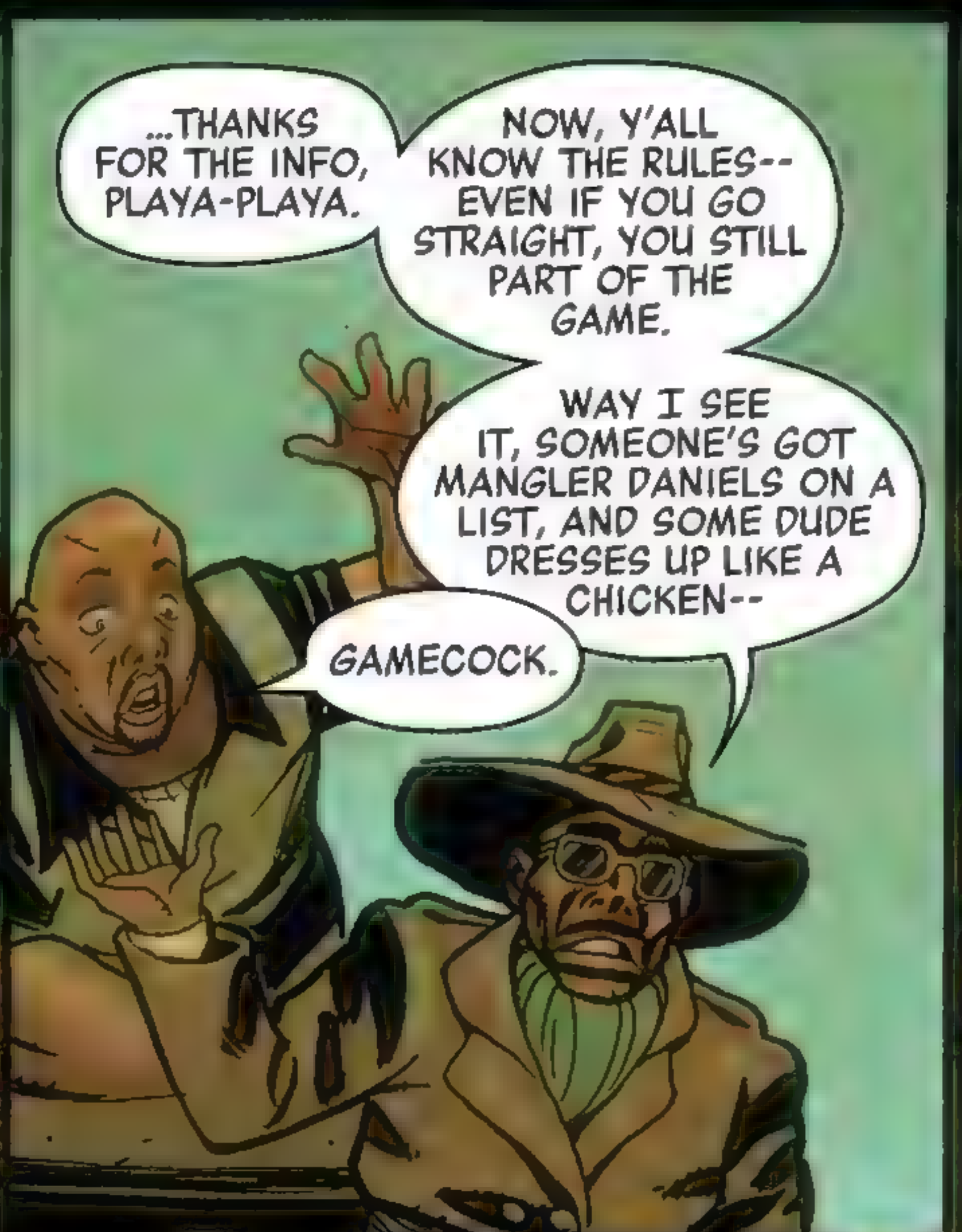
MAYBE YOU HEARD--BUNCHA FOLKS MISSIN'.

SOMEONE BEEN MESSIN' WITH BALLERS THAT GONE LEGIT--BIG BEN DONOVAN, MANGLER DANIELS, THAT PUERTO RICAN DUDE USED TO DRESS LIKE A CHICKEN...



UM, YEAH... PUERTO RICAN DUDE IS CARLOS CABRERA. USED TO GO BY GAMECOCK.

THAT'S RIGHT. GAMECOCK...

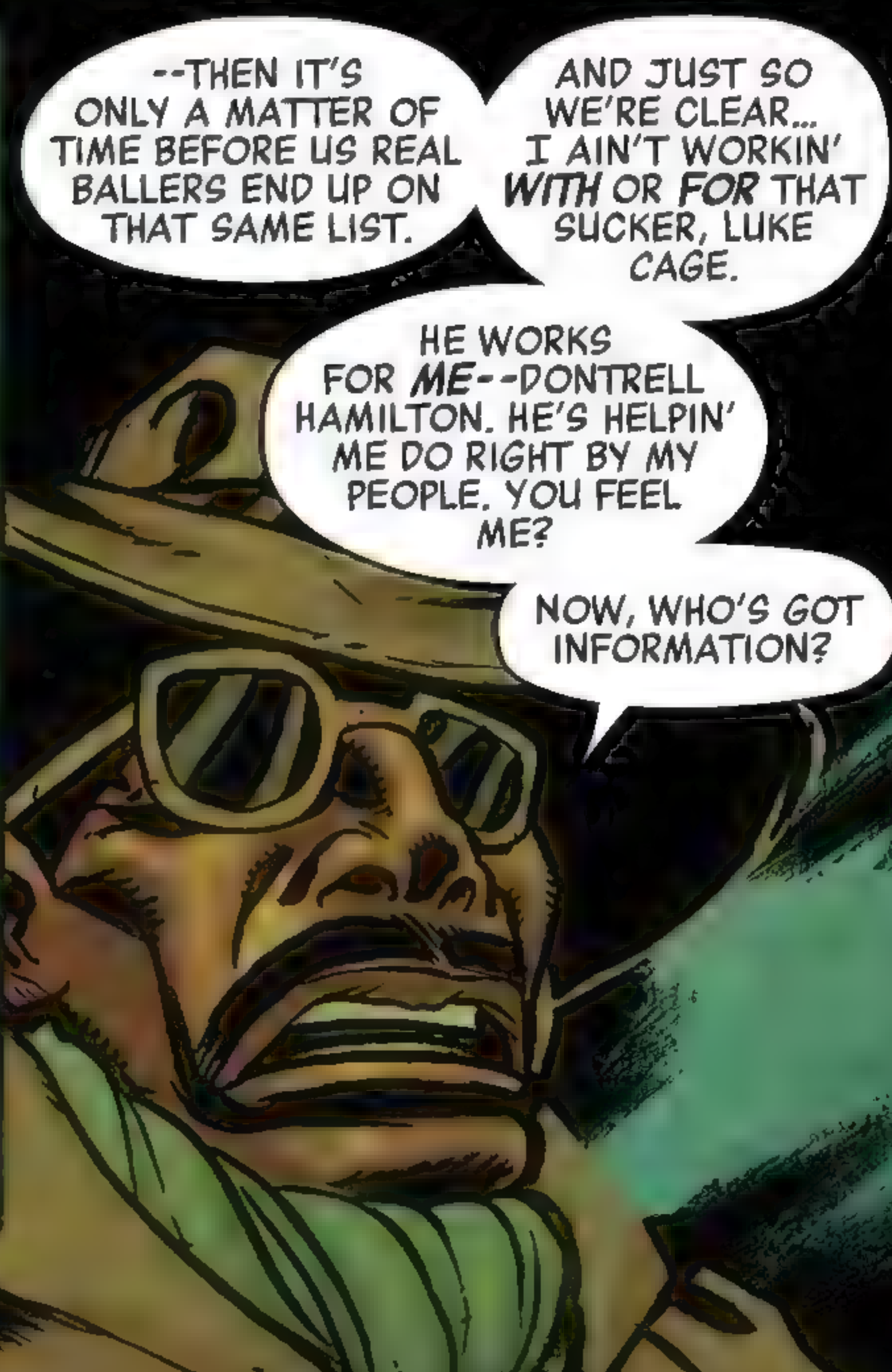


...THANKS FOR THE INFO, PLAYA-PLAYA.

NOW, Y'ALL KNOW THE RULES-- EVEN IF YOU GO STRAIGHT, YOU STILL PART OF THE GAME.

WAY I SEE IT, SOMEONE'S GOT MANGLER DANIELS ON A LIST, AND SOME DUDE DRESSES UP LIKE A CHICKEN--

GAMECOCK.

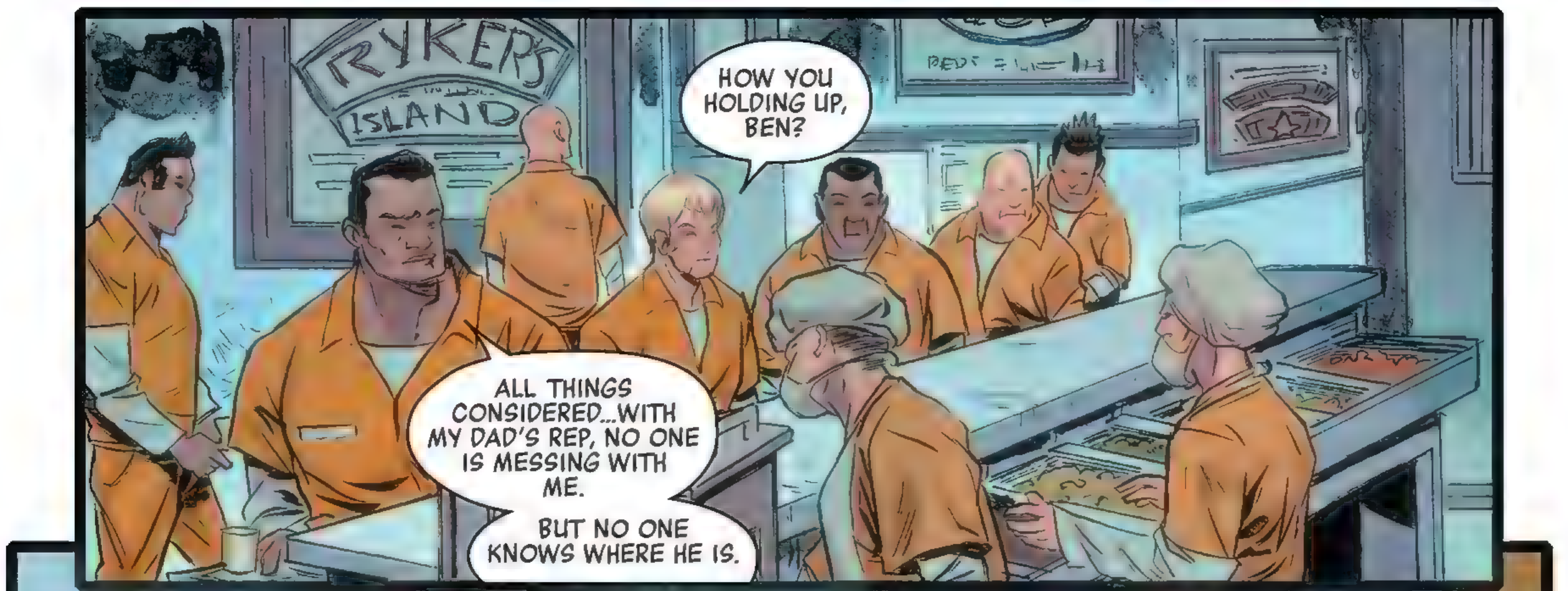


--THEN IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE US REAL BALLERS END UP ON THAT SAME LIST.

AND JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR... I AIN'T WORKIN' WITH OR FOR THAT SUCKER, LUKE CAGE.

HE WORKS FOR ME--DONTRELL HAMILTON. HE'S HELPIN' ME DO RIGHT BY MY PEOPLE. YOU FEEL ME?

NOW, WHO'S GOT INFORMATION?





KNEW
IT WAS
YOU.

MR.
RAND...

IT'S OKAY.
STAY CLOSE, BUT
KEEP OUT OF
MY WAY.

SHOULD WE
BE WORRIED?

NO...

...THEY'RE THE
ONES THAT NEED
TO WORRY.

"YOU'RE CRAZY. YOU
KNOW THAT, RIGHT?"





I'VE
GOT A
PLAN.

AND YOU
BEST BELIEVE
THAT...



"... 'CAUSE AIN'T NO WAY I'M
LEAVIN' MY PARTNER IN PRISON."



TIME
TO GET TO
WORK.

"TELL THEM WHAT
YOU SAW."

LUKE
CAGE...POWER
MAN...LEADING A JAIL-
BREAK AT RYKER'S
PRISON.

ALL RIGHT,
CREW. YOU HEARD
ULYSSES...

**CAPTAIN
MARVEL**

ULYSSES

DEATHLOK

MOCKINGBIRD

STORM

...LET'S GO
STOP A JAIL-
BREAK.

SPECTRUM

PUCK

TO BE CONTINUED...

LUKE LETTERS & DANNY DIATRIBES

Hello, Luke Lovers and Danny Devotees! Our intrepid David Walker is in the midst of San Diego Comic-Con, so I'll be taking over the letter column for this month. Without further ado, to your letters!

Marvel,
I didn't have a favorite "team-up" until I read THE IMMORTAL IRON FIST series and fell in love with both Luke and Danny. Since then, I have been on the lookout for all things Iron Fist. I am a martial artist who relates to Danny, and I even got a chance to play Iron Fist at a local cosplay convention. This book is solid with art and story blending into a title that I hope is long-lasting. Plus, I really like that it is a follow-up to the Victor Alvarez and Danny miniseries. Really, guys...thank you! I hope the on-screen chemistry between these characters in the Netflix show is as natural and lovable as your team has portrayed it. You keep writing, and I will keep reading.

Levi Landry

Levi, we're glad you're digging the book, and I love that you're cosplaying as Danny! That's awesome! Seeing people invest all that time and energy into cosplaying characters we work on is such an incredible thrill and honor. I'm hoping to see some awesome POWER MAN AND IRON FIST cosplay at the New York Comic Con this year, so if any of you out there are planning on being Luke or Danny, or Señor Mágico or Black Mariah or Cockroach Hamilton or any of our awesome cast (PLEEEASE someone cosplay as Cockroach Hamilton), make sure you find me!

This is my new favorite series! Danny and Luke are the best team-up since peanut butter and jelly! They should also team up with Ant-Man and his crew--that would be awesome!

Carson
Jacksonville, FL

I eat PB&J nearly every day at work for lunch, and whenever someone comments on it, I reply "It's a classic for a reason!" Same thing with PM&IF! No plans for an ANT-MAN crossover, but that WOULD be pretty fun! Did you check out their "team-up" with Deadpool in DEADPOOL #13? If not, check it out! It's a crazy fun oversized issue, part of which was written by our own David Walker!

Dear Marvel,
I am glad that these two dudes are sharing a book once more. Last year, I purchased an old POWER MAN AND IRON FIST comic and was pleasantly surprised by how good it was. This new book is very fun, and I love the chemistry between Luke and Danny. However, I would like to see Danny be less of a comic relief the entire time. I really like how Luke can't swear anymore. That's fiddle-faddlin' hilarious!

My introduction to Iron Fist was the IMMORTAL IRON FIST, which is one of my favorite books ever! I would like to see some ties back into that book, maybe some immortal weapons! My brother would love to see some more Fat Cobra! You put Fat Cobra in an issue, you will sell at least one more book because my brother can't not buy that book.

Thanks for the fun issues so far! Can't wait to read more!

Sincerely,
Matt Webster

As you can see, Matt, things are getting a bit more serious for Danny. That IMMORTAL IRON FIST run is pretty darn spectacular, and set a crazy high bar for Iron Fist stories! Cool that you

were checking in on some of the older issues as well, some of those Marvel Bronze Age stories are incredible! And I'll tell you, I LOVE Fat Cobra. No plans for him as of yet, but at the very least let your brother know he has great taste!

Dear Marvel,
I agree with another reader that more Jessica Jones would be great. Luke and Jessica have great chemistry just like Luke and Danny. Jessica and Luke both speak their minds—in fact, I don't know how they stay together, but they make it work. It's great to see a dude who isn't always saying, "Yes, dear...okay, dear." He is one of my favorites because of it. I speak my mind as well, with everyone, even my wife—it's probably why I'm in the dog house a lot, but that's how I roll. Keep up the great work, and until Doctor Strange stops being a "pendejo," Make Mine Marvel! (I had to go old-school on your %\$#@s.)

I love that Luke and Jessica relationship, and I think David writes the two of them incredibly well. As a married man whose wife frequently talks him off of ledges, I thought their moments in this issue were particularly beautiful. Hopefully you did, too!

I have to tell you how great it is to see these two back in their OWN book, using their OWN title moniker. I was 10 years old when the first volume starring these two was canceled in 1986. It was OK that they were still being used in the Marvel Universe through various titles like MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS, or Iron Fist costarring in the early 1990s' NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER series, along with Cage having his own short-lived series in the early 1990s as well. I enjoyed seeing them in the NEW AVENGERS series...now I am 40 years old, and I am once again getting to finally see these two starring in their OWN comic again. This is great moment. Thank you to the "powers that be" at Marvel for making this happen again!! I will look forward to the many future issues to come!

Elius

Elius, we are more than happy to oblige, there's lots more incredible POWER MAN AND IRON FIST heading your way!

Hey,
Really loving the POWER MAN AND IRON FIST run! The art and colors are awesome and I really like the overall tone of it, kind of has that old-school feel but still keeps up with all the fiddle-faddle of the modern world.

I just finished issue 5 and I'm looking forward to how CIVIL WAR II affects the dynamic duo and what struggles they will face. Keep up the great work!

All the best,
Caylan
Berkshire, UK

Hey Caylan, I hope our wild CIVIL WAR II issues have tickled your fancy! Big events can be tricky to navigate, but I think David, Sanford, and Flaviano have been doing stellar work. Hopefully you do, too!

So you know those kinds of laughs you do when you see something absurd and suddenly you start to expel a bunch of air before your mouth can even open and you make a loud extended "Pffffffftt," kinda like a fart noise? Well, that's exactly what happened when I read the words "Power-Fist Mobile" while riding the bus today. Oh, the looks I got from the other passengers...

Thanks for the public humiliation (and the great stories, too).

Lawrence Agozzino,
Montreal

Lawrence, I, as well as anyone on the subway standing next to me when I read SQUIRREL GIRL, am VERY familiar with that noise. Glad we could humiliate and entertain you!

Hey,
First time I've ever felt the need to write in to one of these letters things, but I just had to give the entire PM&IF team props! I love the art and the dialogue and the action and just everything! Coming on board on issue #1 I was skeptical because I had never been a big fan of either hero, but I decided to give it a try! Now I find myself going back and reading each of their bigger story arcs as your series as made me fall in love with the characters! Keep up the amazing work! As far as what I would like to see, I'd like to see some of the more mystical abilities Iron Fist has as that has always been unclear and interesting to me. I'd also like to see Luke Cage take on an A-list big bad and remind the rest of the Marvel Universe what a tank he is! Thanks for the incredible comic!

Sincerely,
James Brackett
Missouri, U.S.A.

Hey James, there's definitely some mojo brewing on both of those fronts, so stay tuned! And I hope you're liking some of those classic PM&IF stories, there's a lot of gold in them there comics!

Thank you for tackling police brutality and for showing Danny, the white guy, having compassion for a black man. United we stand. From a black guy who has been reading Marvel comics for 30 years and never felt the need to write before: we need to see more unity and less division in times like these.

Kev the Poet

Thanks for the letter, Kev. David has a lot to say with this book, but that message of unity and taking care of each other is first and foremost. It's elemental to what POWER MAN AND IRON FIST is, and while it's not always easy, and certainly won't be for our heroes, it's something to which we should all aspire.

And thanks to all of you for writing in, keep those letters coming. There's going to be a lot more crazy CIVIL WAR II action next issue, when the fight comes to Luke and Danny, whether they want it or not! See you next month!



Stay Weird!

-Jake T.

POWER MAN & IRON FIST 8



WALKER
GREENE
FLAVIANO
RAUCH

CIVIL
WAR II

MARVEL

CIVIL WAR II

POWER MAN & IRON FIST

DANIEL RAND IS IRON FIST, KUNG FU DEFENDER OF THE INNOCENT. LUKE CAGE, SOMETIMES CALLED POWER MAN, HAS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH AND DURABILITY. HE'S BEEN AN AVENGER, AND IS NOW A HUSBAND AND FATHER. THEY ARE THE HEROES FOR HIRE.

EARTH'S HEROES PREVENTED A CATAclysmic EVENT THANKS TO AN INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES WHO CAN SEE THE FUTURE. ACTING ON HIS VISIONS, CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS SAVED LIVES, BUT NOT WITHOUT TERRIBLE COSTS. AS TENSIONS RISE, EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS MUST MAKE A CHOICE: PROTECT THE FUTURE...OR CHANGE IT?

THE BATTLE OVER PREDICTIVE JUSTICE CAME TO DANNY AND LUKE WHEN REFORMED CRIMINALS AND THEIR FAMILIES SOUGHT PROTECTION FROM PREEMPTIVE STRIKE, A GROUP OF VIGILANTES USING THE MYSTERIOUS SOFTWARE AGNITUS TO HUNT ANYONE WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD, AND SOME PEOPLE WITHOUT ONE. WHEN PREEMPTIVE STRIKE RAIDED H4H HEADQUARTERS, THE POLICE INTERVENED. IN THE CONFUSION, DANNY KICKED AN OFFICER WHO WAS PINNING A CLIENT, AND HE WAS TAKEN TO RYKER'S PRISON. NOW LUKE'S IN HIDING, GETTING FED UP WITH INACTION. AND ULYSSES JUST HAD A VISION OF A JAILBREAK.

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SEAGATE PRISON.

MANY YEARS AGO.

GOTTA BE HONEST...
MY PARENTS WERE
DISAPPOINTED IN ME.

I WAS NEVER THE SON
THEY WANTED ME TO
BE. ALWAYS FIGHTING.
GETTING INTO TOO
MUCH TROUBLE.

BY THE TIME I WENT TO PRISON,
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS FOR A CRIME
I DIDN'T COMMIT, THEY WERE DONE
WITH ME. THEY COULDN'T TAKE ANY
MORE DISAPPOINTMENT.

I DON'T
BLAME THEM.

TRUTH BE TOLD, I WASN'T
TOO HAPPY WITH HOW MY LIFE
HAD TURNED OUT, EITHER.

I WAS A **LOSER**.
A KID WHO'D MADE
TOO MANY BAD
DECISIONS.

I ALMOST DIED IN THAT
PRISON. THOUGHT ABOUT
PRAYING TO GOD, ASKING
HIM TO SAVE ME, PROMISING
TO TURN MY LIFE AROUND.

BUT I FIGURED
GOD HAD BETTER
THINGS TO DO THAN
TO LISTEN TO ME.

INSTEAD, I MADE
TWO PROMISES
TO MYSELF.

FIRST, IF I GOT OUT
OF THERE ALIVE, I
WOULD TURN MY LIFE
AROUND. DO SOMETHING
MEANINGFUL.
SOMETHING GOOD.

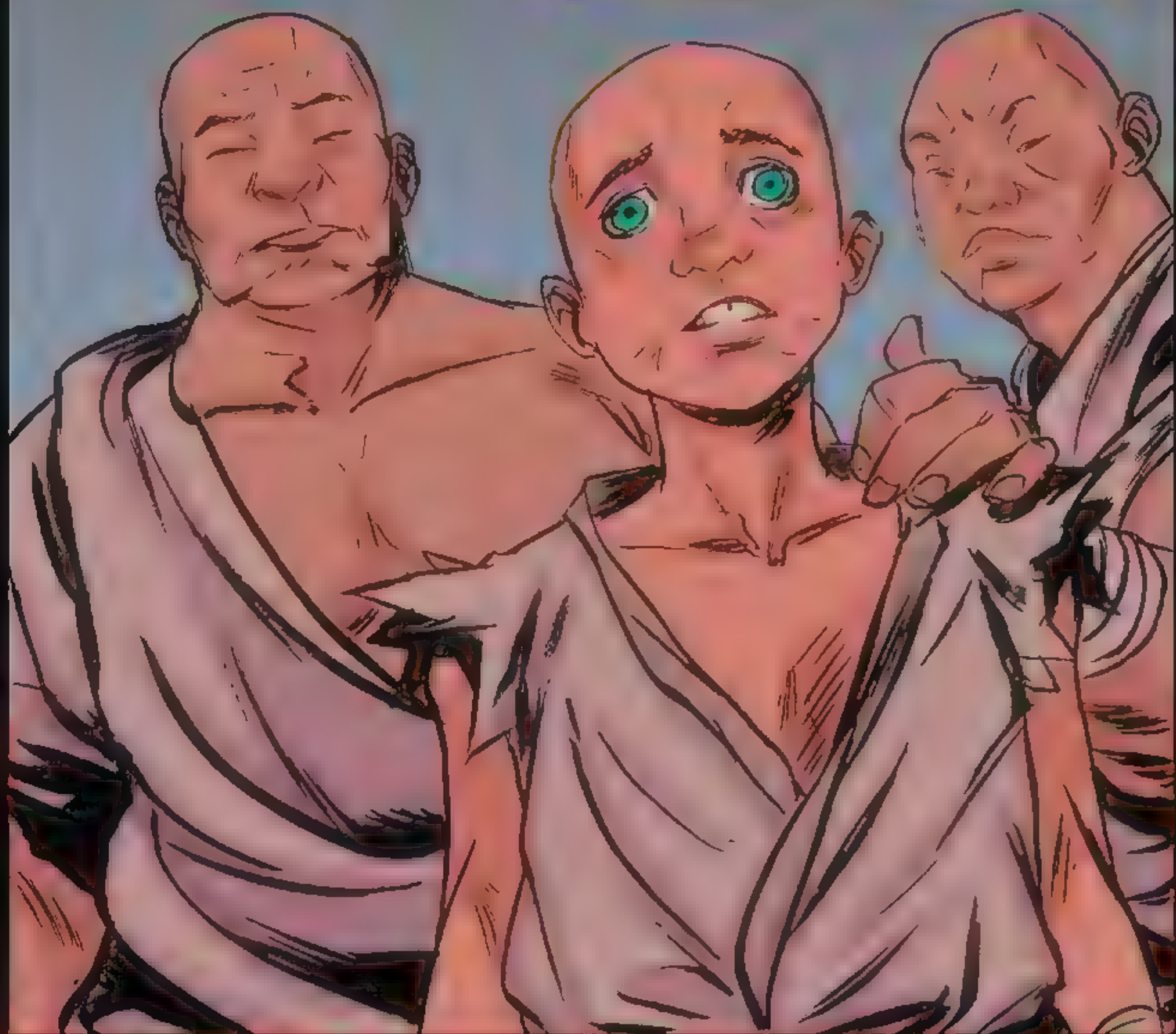
SECOND, IF
I GOT OUT,
I'D NEVER
GO BACK.

K'UN LUN.

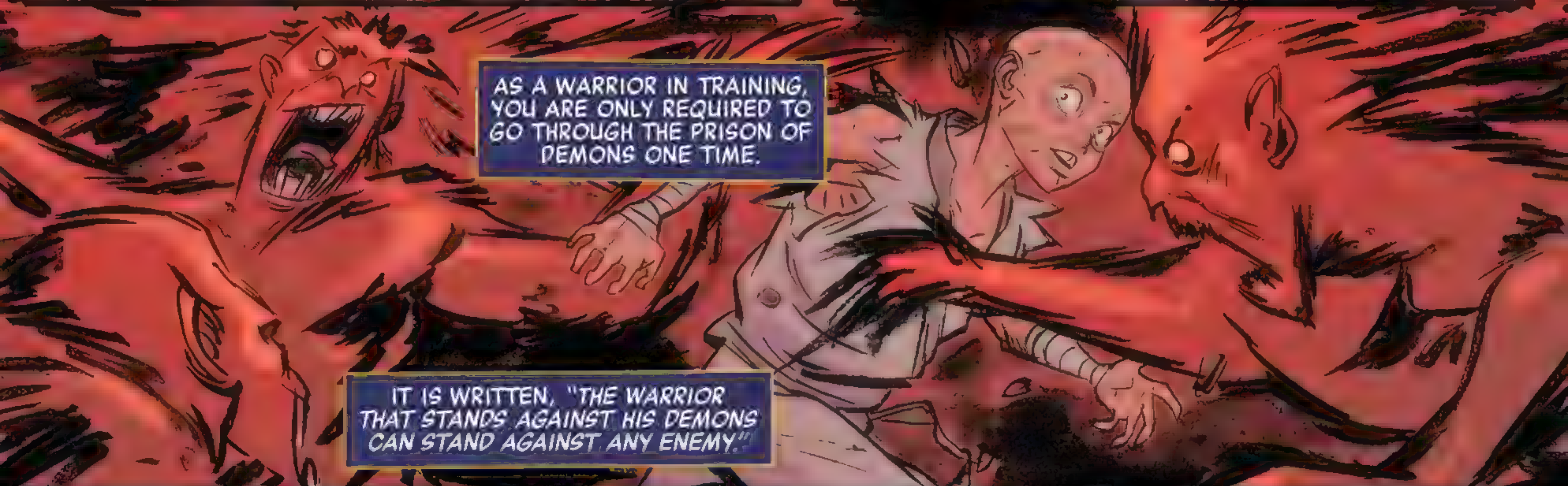
MANY YEARS AGO.

I NEVER FELT MORE
ALONE THAN WHEN MY
PARENTS DIED.

LONELINESS. ABANDONMENT.
HELPLESSNESS. THESE BECAME
MY CONSTANT COMPANIONS.
MY DEMONS.



THERE'S A PLACE
IN K'UN LUN WHERE EVERY
WARRIOR MUST FACE DEMONS--
DEMONS THAT MANIFEST FROM
WHAT HAUNTS YOU MOST.



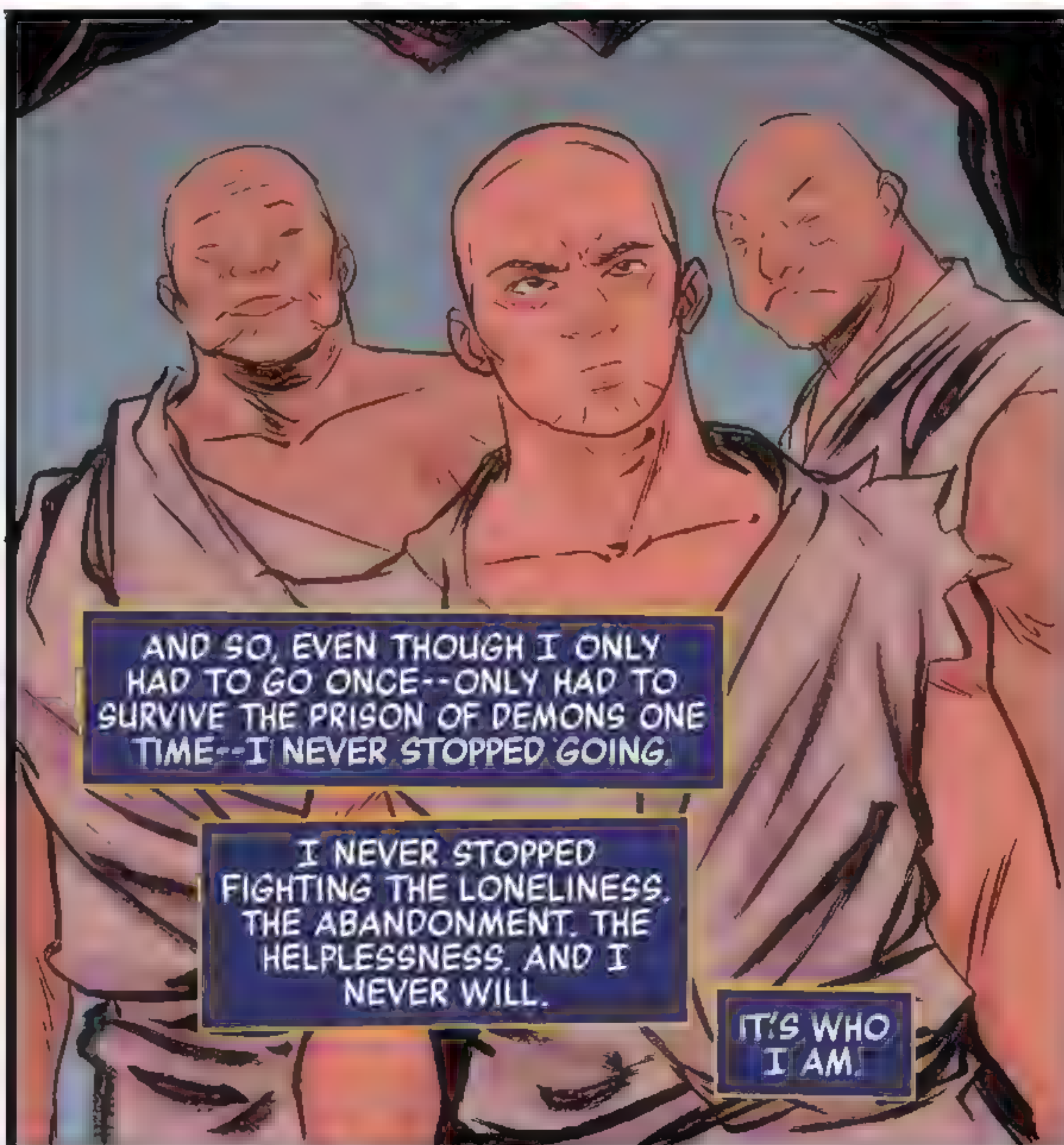
AS A WARRIOR IN TRAINING,
YOU ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO
GO THROUGH THE PRISON OF
DEMONS ONE TIME.

IT IS WRITTEN, "THE WARRIOR
THAT STANDS AGAINST HIS DEMONS
CAN STAND AGAINST ANY ENEMY."



STANDING
AGAINST MY
DEMONS WAS NOT
ENOUGH. FACING
THEM WAS NOT
ENOUGH.

I HAD TO
DEFEAT
THEM.



AND SO, EVEN THOUGH I ONLY
HAD TO GO ONCE--ONLY HAD TO
SURVIVE THE PRISON OF DEMONS ONE
TIME--I NEVER STOPPED GOING.

I NEVER STOPPED
FIGHTING THE LONELINESS,
THE ABANDONMENT, THE
HELPLESSNESS, AND I
NEVER WILL.

IT'S WHO
I AM.



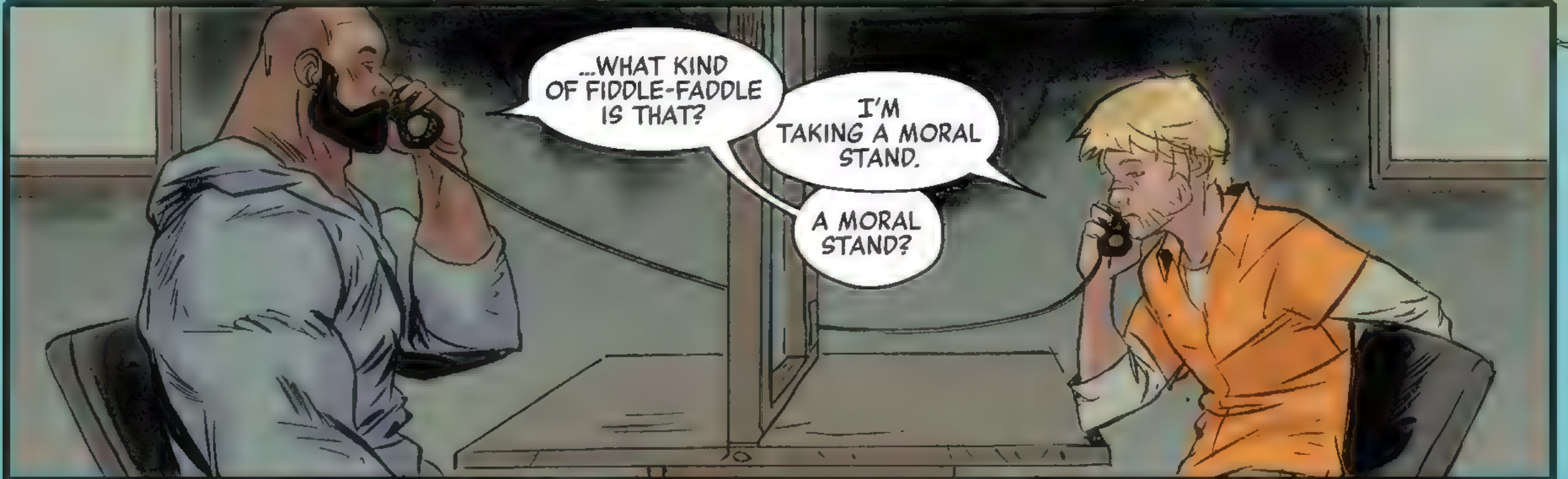
...I'M SORRY.
IT'S WHO I
AM.

IT'S
WHO YOU
ARE...

...WHAT KIND
OF FIDDLE-FADDLE
IS THAT?

I'M
TAKING A MORAL
STAND.

A MORAL
STAND?



YOU'RE RICH
AND WHITE. YOU
CAN AFFORD TO
TAKE A MORAL STAND
OUTSIDE THE WALLS
OF THIS
PRISON.

I TALKED
TO FOGGY NELSON,
HE CAN GET YOU OUT
OF HERE ON A BOND
UNTIL YOU GO
TO TRIAL.

NOW QUIT
PLAYING THE ROLE
OF THE GOODY-GOODY
WHITE LIBERAL TRYING TO
MAKE A POINT THAT ONLY
OTHER WHITE LIBERALS
UNDERSTAND.



IT'S NOT
ABOUT THAT,
DAMN IT.

AND IT'S
NOT ABOUT ME
TAKING THE HEAT
FOR ASSAULTING
THAT COP--AT
LEAST, NOT
ANYMORE.

IT'S
ABOUT THOSE
GUYS...



"...THOSE GUYS
THAT ATTACKED
US.

"I'M STILL IN HERE
BECAUSE OF THEM--
BECAUSE OF WHAT
THEY DID, AND WHAT
THEY'RE DOING."





DANNY,
YOU'RE NOT
MAKING ANY
SENSE.

LUKE,
LISTEN TO ME.
THIS ALL STARTED
WHEN COCKROACH
HAMILTON BROUGHT
THOSE PEOPLE TO
US FOR HELP.
REMEMBER?

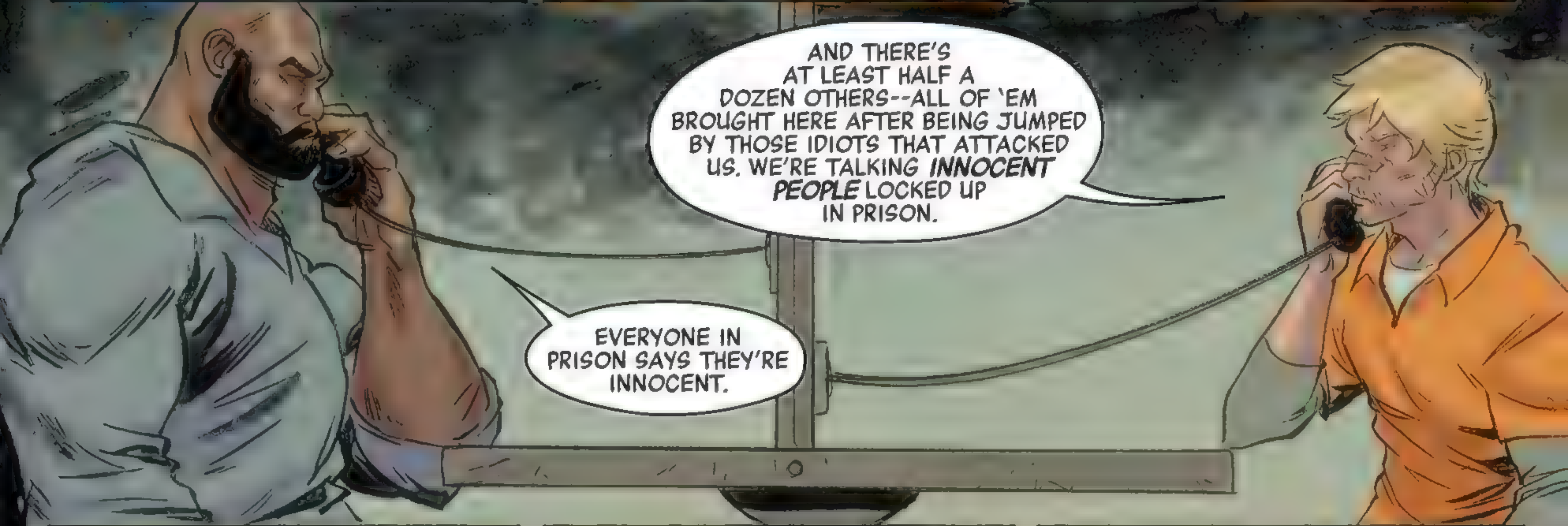
OF COURSE
I REMEMBER. I'VE
BEEN BABYSITTIN' 'EM
WHILE TRYING TO SORT
ALL OF THIS
OUT.



THEY'RE
ALL HERE, MAN--
ALL THE PEOPLE WE
WERE HIRED
TO FIND...



"...MARTA'S DAD. MANGLER DANIELS.
BIG BEN DONOVAN WAS HERE,
BUT HE GOT TRANSFERRED OUT."

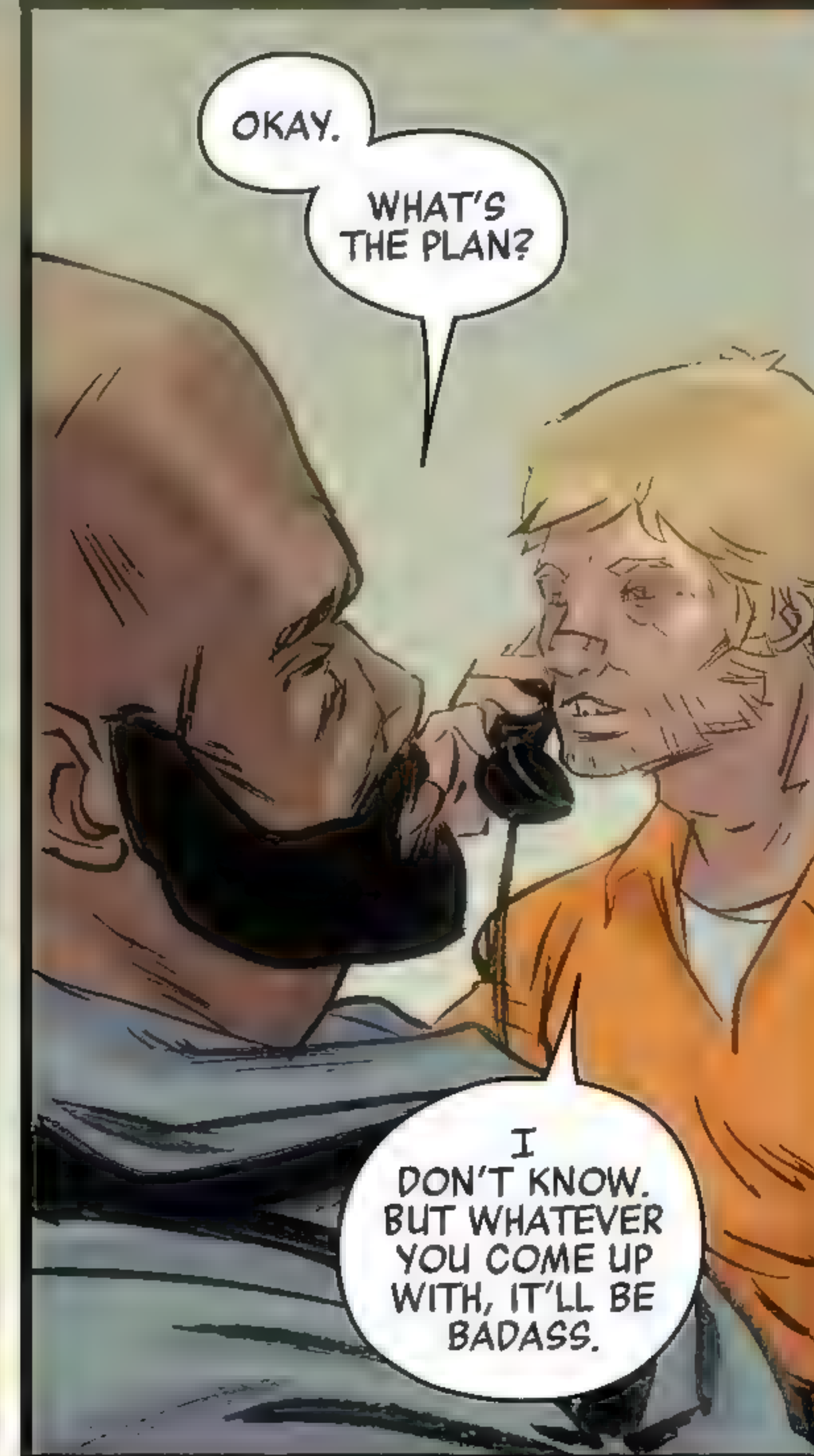
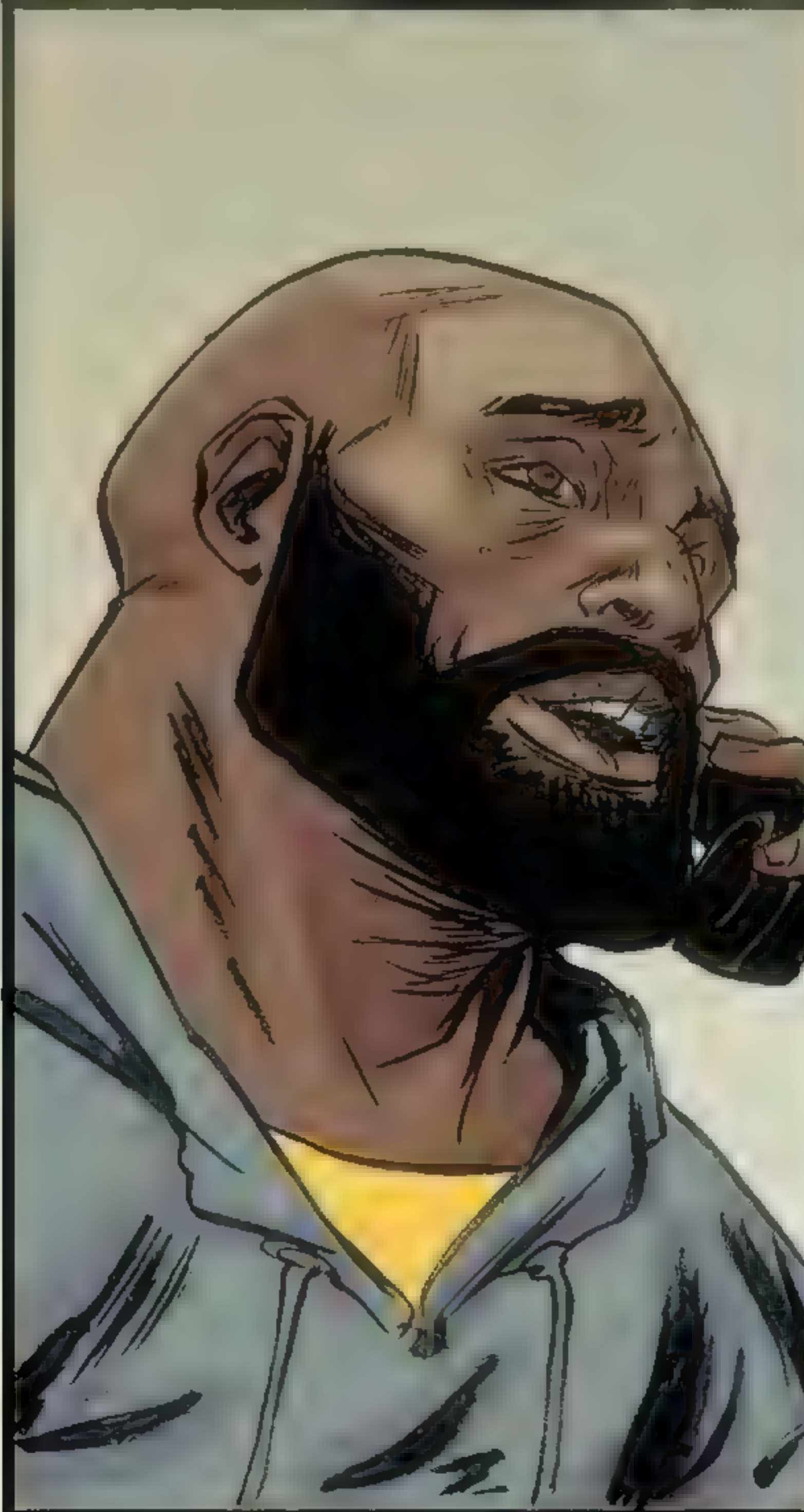


AND THERE'S
AT LEAST HALF A
DOZEN OTHERS--ALL OF 'EM
BROUGHT HERE AFTER BEING JUMPED
BY THOSE IDIOTS THAT ATTACKED
US. WE'RE TALKING **INNOCENT**
PEOPLE LOCKED UP
IN PRISON.

EVERYONE IN
PRISON SAYS THEY'RE
INNOCENT.



YOU
WERE IN
PRISON, AND
YOU WERE
INNOCENT.



OKAY.

WHAT'S
THE PLAN?

I
DON'T KNOW.
BUT WHATEVER
YOU COME UP
WITH, IT'LL BE
BADASS.



YOU
OKAY, MR.
CAGE?

DO I
LOOK THAT
BAD?

HUH. THAT'S
ABOUT HOW
I FEEL.

YOU LOOK
THE WAY MY DAD
LOOKS JUST BEFORE HE
STARES UP AT THE SKY,
SHAKES HIS FISTS, AND
STARTS SWEARING
IN SPANISH.

**MARTA
CARDONA**

(DAUGHTER OF A FORMER
SUPER CRIMINAL)

GADGET

(THE GUY YOU CALL WHEN YOU
HAVE COMPUTER PROBLEMS)



YOU
WANNA TALK
ABOUT IT?

MARTA,
YOU'RE A KID.
I CAN'T DUMP
ON YOU THAT
WAY.

MY DAD IS
IN PRISON BECAUSE
IT TURNS OUT HE'S
AN EX-SUPER-CRIMINAL
WHO DRESSED LIKE A
CHICKEN AND FAKED
HIS OWN DEATH.

I
DIDN'T KNOW
ANY OF THIS
UNTIL A FEW DAYS
AGO, SO WHATEVER
YOU THINK YOU
CAN'T DUMP
ON ME...

SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE THE
WORLD IS FALLING APART, KID,
AND YOU CAN'T DO A THING
TO STOP IT.

YOU AND
THE OTHERS CAME
TO ME AND DANNY FOR
HELP BECAUSE THE PEOPLE
YOU CARE ABOUT HAVE
BEEN LOCKED UP.

NOW
MY BEST
FRIEND IS LOCKED
UP WITH
THEM.

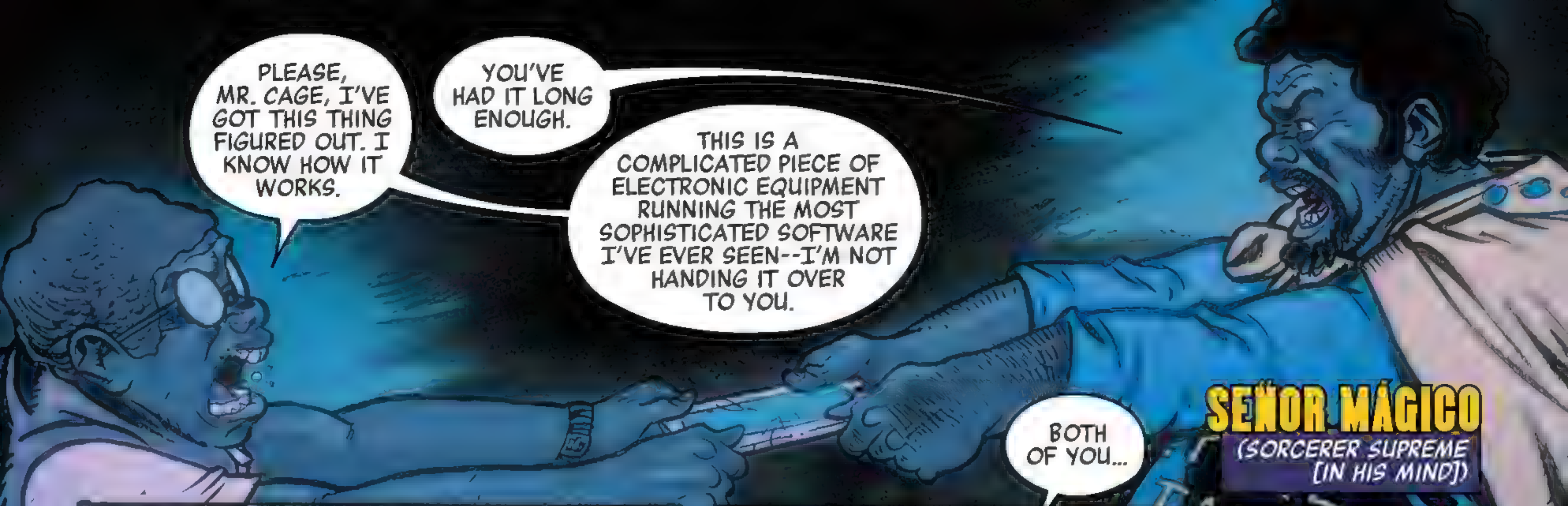
I'M JUST
TRYIN' TO DO THE
RIGHT THING, BUT I
DON'T EVEN KNOW
HOW TO DO
THAT.

I CAN'T
TURN TO ANY OF
MY OTHER FRIENDS FOR
HELP BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL
FIGHTING OVER WHATEVER
FIDDLE-FADDE THEY'RE
FIGHTING OVER.



SO, INSTEAD
OF REACHING OUT
TO CAPTAIN AMERICA
OR DAREDEVIL, I'M
STUCK WITH
THIS...

HEY! STOP
TOUCHING
THAT!



PLEASE, MR. CAGE, I'VE GOT THIS THING FIGURED OUT. I KNOW HOW IT WORKS.

YOU'VE HAD IT LONG ENOUGH.

THIS IS A COMPLICATED PIECE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT RUNNING THE MOST SOPHISTICATED SOFTWARE I'VE EVER SEEN--I'M NOT HANDING IT OVER TO YOU.

BOTH OF YOU...

SEÑOR MÁGICO

(SORCERER SUPREME [IN HIS MIND])



...JUST STOP. WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.

KNOWING HOW THIS THING WORKS DOESN'T MEAN MUCH IF WE DON'T KNOW WHO BUILT IT, OR HOW TO FIND 'EM.

THAT'S THE KEY TO STOPPING WHOEVER'S BEEN GOING AFTER PEOPLE, MANIPULATING THEIR CRIMINAL RECORDS, AND GETTING 'EM LOCKED UP.



BUT MR. CAAAAAAGE...

IT'S CALLED AN AGNITUS.

GADGET, YOU'RE A GROWN-ASS MAN, STOP WHINING AND HAND OVER THE GIZMO.

WHATEVER. HAND IT OVER.



HE'S JUST A MAGICIAN.

I AIN'T A MAGICIAN, VATO. I'M A SORCERER.

BIG DIFFERENCE. MAGIC ISN'T EVEN REAL.



¿QUÉ DIJISTE?

OH, SWEET CHRISTMAS...



"...I HOPE DANNY IS DOING BETTER THAN ME."

CALL ME DANNY. MR. RAND WAS MY FATHER, AND BESIDES...

...WE'RE ALL FRIENDS HERE.

THE DREAD LOUIS CRUZ

(BECAUSE HE HAS DREADS, YOU SEE)

SHADRICK "MANGLER" DANIELS

(INNOCENT)

BOBBY "THE BRUTE" KLUTE

(ACTUALLY VERY SENSITIVE)

CARLOS

"GAMECOCK" CABRERA

(GUILTY-ISH [BUT REFORMED])



C'MON, MAN, TELL HIM WHAT YOU WERE TELLING ME.

IT'S JUST... WELL... MR. RAND... I MEAN, DANNY...

"LITTLE" BEN DONOVAN

(INNOCENT)

KEITH AUGUSTIN

(INNOCENT)

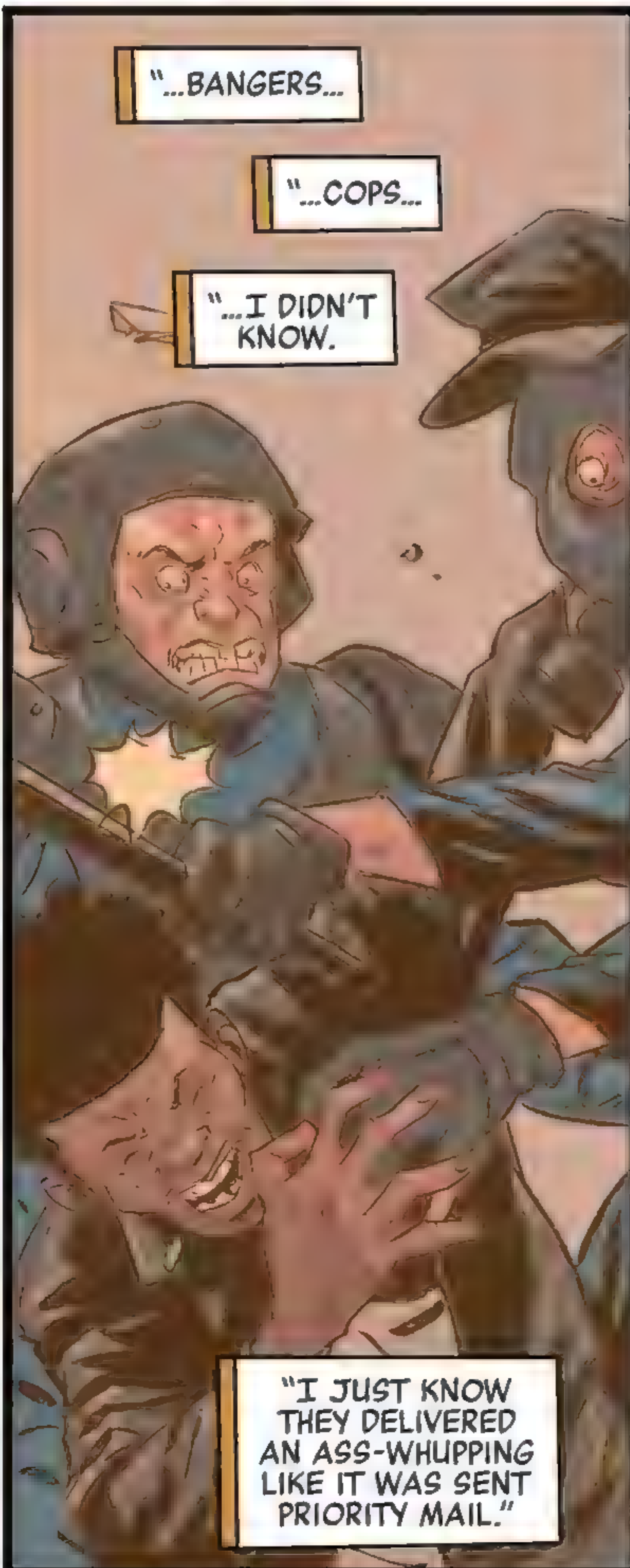


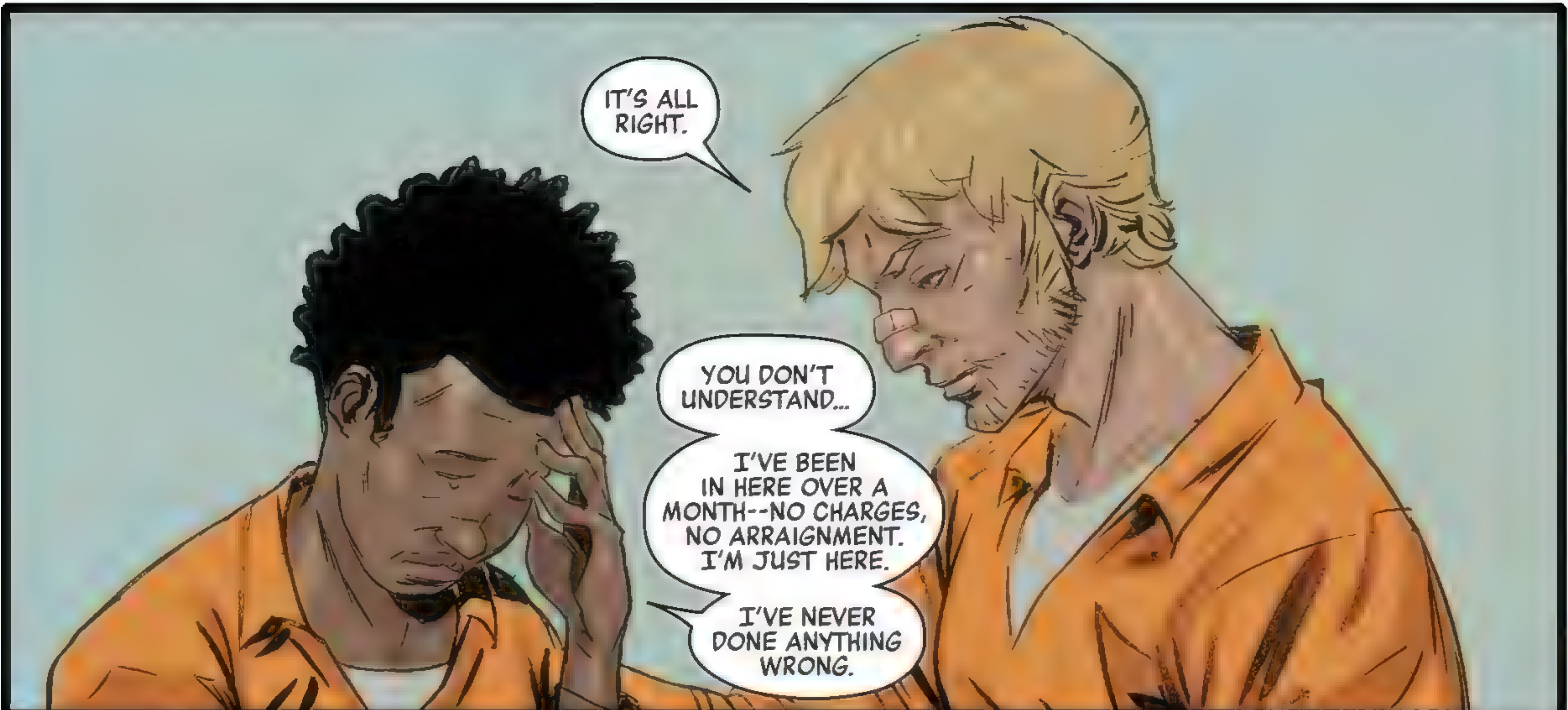
LOOK... KEITH, IS IT?

YEAH.

LITTLE BEN BROUGHT YOU TO ME FOR A REASON. SAME REASON ALL THESE OTHER GUYS ARE HERE RIGHT NOW.

YOU WANNA GET OUTTA HERE...





IT'S ALL
RIGHT.

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND...

I'VE BEEN
IN HERE OVER A
MONTH--NO CHARGES,
NO ARRAIGNMENT.
I'M JUST HERE.

I'VE NEVER
DONE ANYTHING
WRONG.



SAME THING
HAPPENED TO ME,
AMIGO--MASKED
PENDEJOS SWOOPED
DOWN AND
SCOOPED
ME UP.

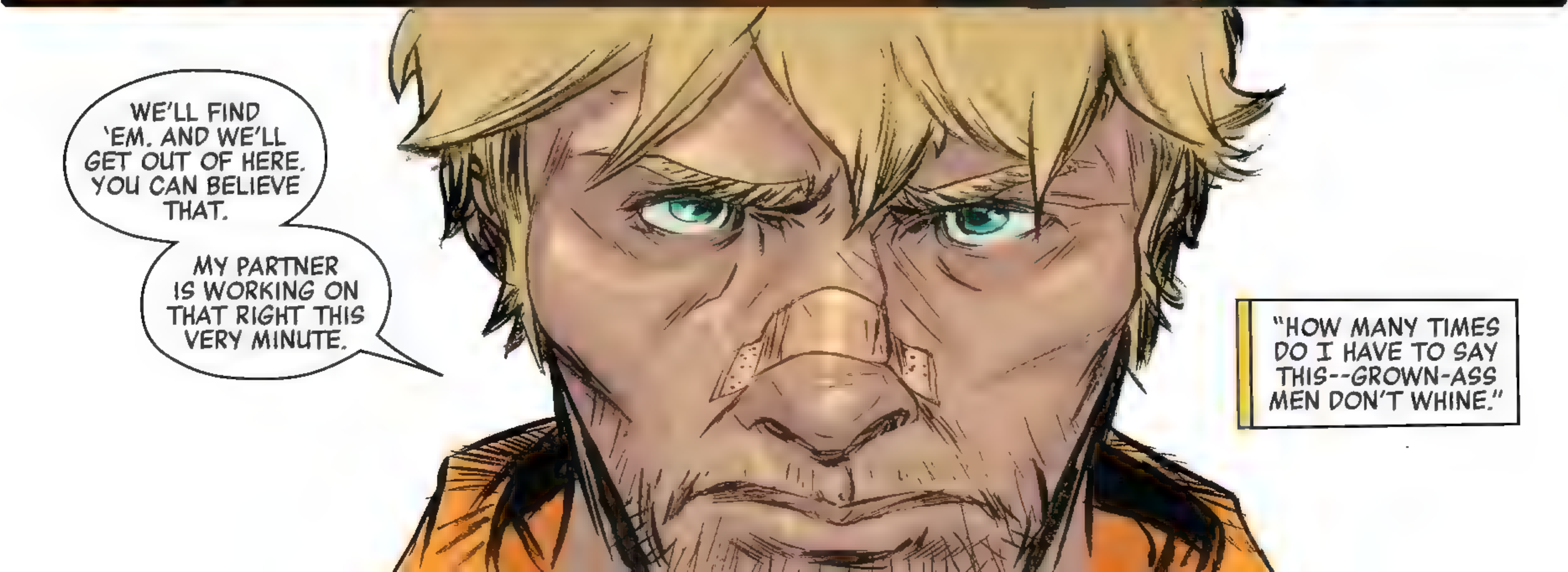
I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
HOW THEY
KNEW WHO
I WAS.

I'VE BEEN
LIVING UNDER
THE RADAR FOR
YEARS.



WORD.
ME, TOO. BEEN
STRAIGHT FOR A
DECADE. I DON'T
EVEN JAY-
WALK.

I EVER
GET MY HANDS
ON THOSE
GUYS--



WE'LL FIND
'EM. AND WE'LL
GET OUT OF HERE.
YOU CAN BELIEVE
THAT.

MY PARTNER
IS WORKING ON
THAT RIGHT THIS
VERY MINUTE.

"HOW MANY TIMES
DO I HAVE TO SAY
THIS--GROWN-ASS
MEN DON'T WHINE."



BUT MR. CAAAAAGE--
LOOK WHAT HE
DID TO ME!

HE'S THE
ONE THAT SAID
MAGIC WASN'T
REAL.



DO EITHER
OF YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA WHAT'S
GOING ON?

THIS ELECTRONIC
WHATCHAMACALLIT
HAS A FACIAL RECOGNITION
PROGRAM CONNECTED TO
A POLICE DATABASE THAT
CAN BE ALTERED BY
WHOEVER DESIGNED
THIS THING.

IT CAN
GIVE SOMEONE A
CRIMINAL RECORD
THAT THEY DON'T
HAVE--MAKE THEM
GUILTY WHEN THEY
AIN'T DONE A
THING.

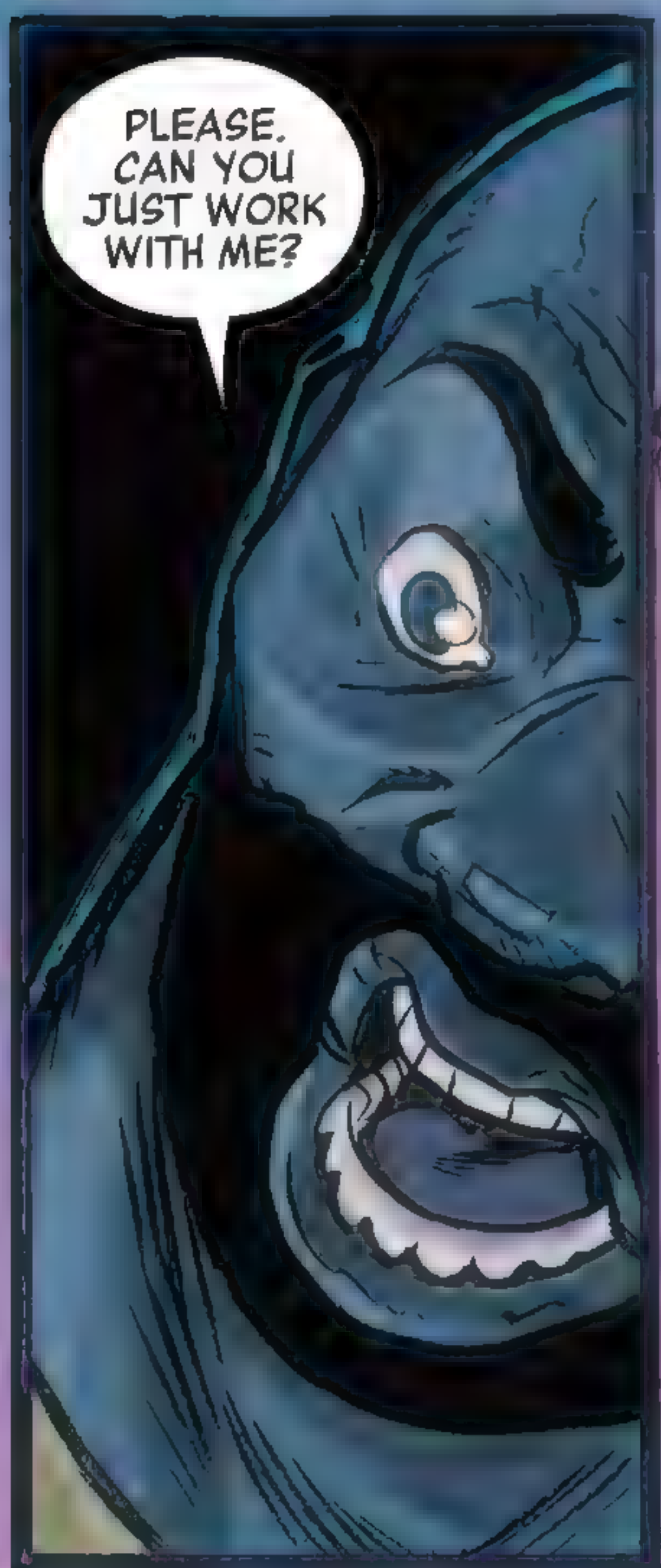


THIS IS A
DANGEROUS
WEAPON. YOU
UNDERSTAND?

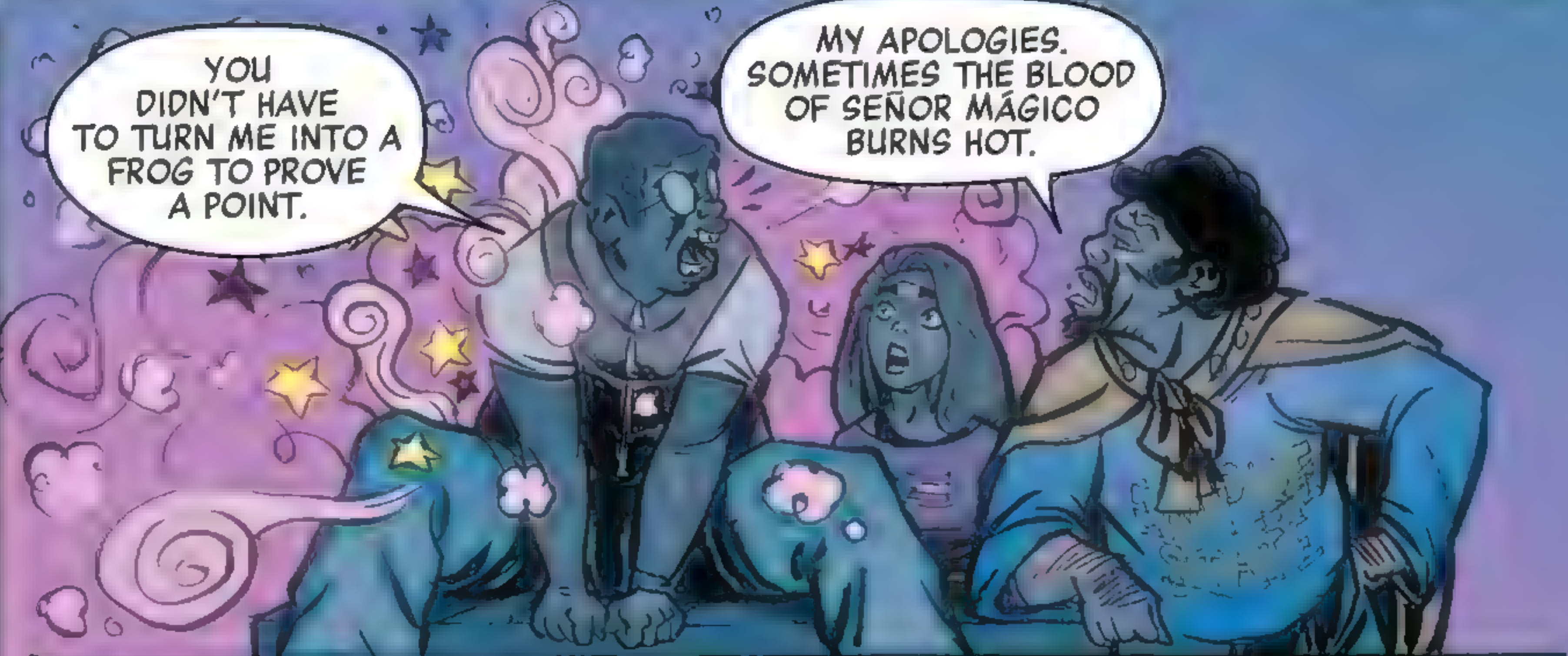
SOMEONE
HAS BEEN USING
IT ON INNOCENT
PEOPLE.

SORRY,
MR. CAGE.

LO SIENTO,
MI AMIGO.



PLEASE.
CAN YOU
JUST WORK
WITH ME?



YOU
DIDN'T HAVE
TO TURN ME INTO A
FROG TO PROVE
A POINT.

MY APOLOGIES.
SOMETIMES THE BLOOD
OF SEÑOR MÁGICO
BURNS HOT.



GADGET'S
FIGURED OUT
HOW THIS THING
WORKS, BUT HE
HASN'T BEEN ABLE
TO FIGURE OUT
WHO BUILT IT OR
PROGRAMMED THE
SOFTWARE.

I CAN USE MY
MYSTIC POWERS TO SCAN
FOR SPIRITUAL IMPRINTS AND
RESIDUAL TRACES OF PSI-KINETIC
ENERGY, MORE ACCURATE THAN DNA.



ODD...

WHAT'S ODD?

THIS IS PROTECTED BY A SPELL OF DENIAL.

A SPELL OF WHAT?

IT IS A SPELL MEANT TO HIDE ANY TRACE OF OWNERSHIP IN AN OBJECT.

BUT HERE'S THE THING...THE SPELL HAS BEEN CAST NOT ONLY ON THE OBJECT AND ALL OF ITS PARTS, IT HAS BEEN CAST ON THE SOFTWARE ITSELF.

A MAGIC SPELL CAN BE CAST ON COMPUTER SOFTWARE?



CAN'T SPEAK FOR NO OTHER SORCERERS, BUT I CAN CAST A MAGIC SPELL ON ANYTHING. BUT THAT'S ME.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE IS ENCODED INFORMATION. THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN CAST A MAGIC SPELL ON SOFTWARE.



WELL, THE GUY WHO JUST TURNED YOU INTO A FROG SAYS IT'S BEEN DONE...SO... YOU KNOW...MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T BE SO QUICK TO SAY WHAT MAGIC CAN OR CAN'T DO.



THE QUESTION, SEÑOR MÁGICO, IS CAN YOU BREAK THROUGH THE SPELL?



THERE IS NO MAGIC I CAN'T UNDO. SO SAYS SEÑOR MÁGICO.

GREAT. TAKE THE OTHERS BACK TO YOUR PLACE AND DO WHATEVER YOU GOTTA DO.

I'M HEADING BACK TO RYKER'S TO SEE DANNY-- GOTTA TALK SOME SENSE INTO HIM.

I ALSO GOTTA CHECK IN WITH COCKROACH HAMILTON AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS COOL.



CAN'T BELIEVE THOSE WORDS JUST CAME OUTTA MY MOUTH.

"I DON'T WANNA GO IN THERE..."



...WHY CAN'T YOU GO?

BECAUSE, PLAYA, I GOT, LIKE, FIFTEEN OUTSTANDING WARRANTS AND YOU AIN'T EVEN ON PROBATION ANYMORE. YOU'RE LEGIT. TOO LEGIT TO QUIT.

LOOK, DONTRELL...

CLETUS "DISCO DEVIL" EVANS

(FORMER SUPER CRIMINAL)

DONTRELL "COCKROACH" HAMILTON

(CURRENT CRIMINAL [NOT THAT SUPER])



...IF THOSE ARE THE MASKED GUYS THAT'VE BEEN SNATCHIN' PEOPLE UP, IT DON'T MATTER THAT I'VE GONE LEGIT.

BZZZT
BZZZT

HOLD UP, THIS IS THAT SUCKA LUKE CAGE CALLING.

CAN'T STAND THAT FOOL. ALWAYS TALKIN' 'BOUT SWEET CHRISTMAS. I GOT A SWEET CHRISTMAS FOR HIS PUNK-ASS.



LUKE, MY MAIN MAN...

DON'T CALL ME THAT.

NOW, TELL ME...



...YOU AND CLETUS FOLLOWING UP ON THAT LEAD?



LUKE, MY MAIN MAN, THIS IS DONTRELL YOU TALKIN' TO. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME LIKE YOU COUNTIN' THE FINGERS ON YO' HAND, BABY.

DON'T CALL ME "BABY." EVER.

YOU GOT IT, BABY. AND DON'T YOU WORRY, 'CAUSE DONTRELL AND CLETUS ARE ON THE CASE, AT THE PLACE, 'BOUT TO GET IN SOME FACE, ALL UP IN THAT SPACE.



STOP CALLING ME BABY. STOP TALKING LIKE YOU'RE DOLEMITE. GET TO WORK.

ON THE CASE, BABY.



I HOPE THOSE FOOLS
DON'T MESS THIS
UP.

MESS *WHAT* UP?
LUKE, MAYBE IT'S
TIME YOU TOLD US
THE PLAN.

INDEED.

MY
PLAN?



CLETUS,
THIS IS THE PLACE
LUKE CAGE WANTED US TO
CHECK OUT. WE'RE ON A MISSION.
WE'RE UP IN THIS LIKE LIAM
NEESON, PLAYA.

I AIN'T
NO LIAM
NEESON.

MAN, BACK IN
THE DAY ALL PEOPLE
TALKED ABOUT WAS YOU.
DISCO DEVIL THIS. DISCO DEVIL
THAT. DISCO DEVIL WAS THE
COLD-BLOODEDEST
PLAYA, PLAYA.

WHO'D'VE
THOUGHT DISCO DEVIL
WOULD TURN OUT TO
BE A PUNK? TALKIN'
'BOUT, "BOO-HOO,
I'M SCARED."



YOU FOUGHT
BLACK GOLIATH,
AND WHIPPED HIS
TOO-TALL ASS.



ABOUT
MY PLAN...IT'S
LIKE THIS...

I...UM...
I HAVEN'T
THOUGHT THIS
THROUGH
COMPLETELY.

I **DID** SERVE
IT UP TO BLACK
GOLIATH. YOU KNOW WHAT
THEY SAY...THE BIGGER THEY
COME, THE HARDER
THEY FALL.



THAT'S
WHAT I'M
TALKIN' 'BOUT, HOMIE.
DISCO DEVIL,
YO!



I CAN DO THIS.

THAT'S RIGHT!



I'M CLETUS EVANS. *DISCO DEVIL*. I GAVE BLACK GOLIATH THE BEATDOWN OF HIS LIFE.



LOOK AT THAT FOOL RIGHT THERE...



"...HE'S 'BOUT TO GET HIS ASS KICKED."

WHEN YOU SAY YOU HAVEN'T THOUGHT THIS THROUGH COMPLETELY...EXACTLY HOW NOT COMPLETELY IS NOT COMPLETELY?

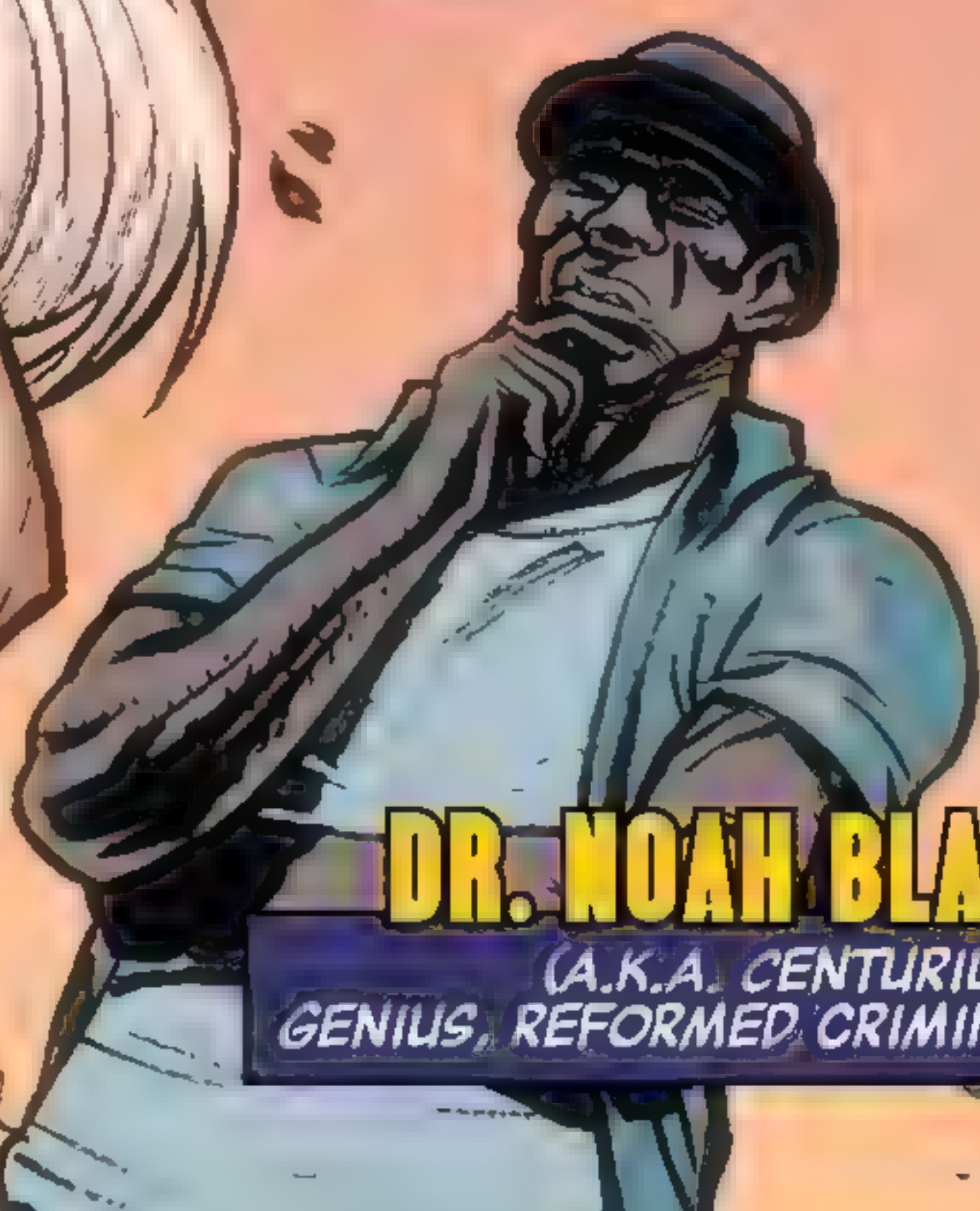
IF I MAY ELUCIDATE THE RATHER VALID CONCERNS OF MY COMPANION, THE INQUIRY MORE GERMANE TO THIS SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES IS THIS...

DO WE FIND OURSELVES IN A POTENTIALLY INSALUBRIOUS STATE, AS A RESULT OF YOUR IMPETUOUSNESS?

YEAH, WHATEVER HE SAID.



MELISSA GOLD
(A.K.A. SONGBIRD--SUPER HERO WHO USED TO BE A SUPER CRIMINAL)



DR. NOAH BLACK
(A.K.A. CENTURIUS--GENIUS, REFORMED CRIMINAL)

CAN'T LIE TO EITHER OF YOU...I DON'T HAVE A PLAN--AT LEAST NOT ONE THAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD IDEA.

ALL I KNOW IS THAT MY BEST FRIEND IS LOCKED UP IN THAT HELLHOLE BACK THERE, AND SO ARE SOME OTHER PEOPLE THAT DON'T BELONG THERE.

LUKE, I CONSIDER YOU A FRIEND. YOU TREATED ME WITH RESPECT WHEN WE WERE IN THE THUNDERBOLTS TOGETHER, AND, JUST AS IMPORTANT, YOU TRUSTED ME.

BUT YOU'VE GOT ME CONCERNED RIGHT NOW...BECAUSE...WELL...

ALLOW ME...ARE WE HERE, FOR LACK OF BETTER VERNACULAR, TO BUST YOUR HOMIE OUTTA THE JOINT?

NO. THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR...NOT REALLY.

YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU'VE BOTH BEEN THERE--JUST LIKE ME. WE'VE ALL BEEN ON THE INSIDE. WE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE.

AND BECAUSE OF THAT, AND BECAUSE I TRUST YOU AND I KNOW YOU'RE BOTH EXCEPTIONAL AT WHAT YOU DO...I...WELL...I NEED YOU TO HELP ME FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO...

...BECAUSE I'M LOST RIGHT NOW. I'M TOO CLOSE TO ALL OF THIS--MY PARTNER IN JAIL, PEOPLE BEING LOCKED UP FOR CRIMES THEY DIDN'T COMMIT. THIS IS HITTING ME IN MY GUTS. IT'S SCRAMBLIN' MY BRAIN.

AND WITHOUT HELP...YOU KNOW...WITHOUT SOMEONE HELPING ME WORK THROUGH THIS FIDDLE-FADDLE, I WOULD BUST THROUGH THOSE WALLS.

CAN'T LIE TO EITHER OF YOU, THAT'S ALL I WANT TO DO--TEAR THAT PRISON DOWN BRICK BY BRICK AND...

...AND...

WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG?

SWEET CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HANUKKAH.



SPECTRUM
(A.K.A. MONICA RAMBEAU)

WE
NEED TO
TALK.

STORM
(A.K.A. ORORO MUNROE)

DEATHLOK
(A.K.A. HENRY HAYES)

"TALK"?

PUCK
(A.K.A. EUGENE JUDD)

MOCKINGBIRD
(A.K.A. BOBBI MORSE)

**CAPTAIN
MARVEL**
(A.K.A. CAROL DANVERS)

WE'VE SEEN
WHAT YOU'RE
GOING TO DO,
LUKE. WE
KNOW.

AND
WE'RE HERE TO
STOP YOU.

LET'S NOT
PLAY GAMES. I
KNOW THAT DANNY
IS CURRENTLY
LOCKED UP
HERE.

AND I
KNOW YOU'RE
GOING TO BREAK
HIM OUT. I'VE
SEEN IT.

EXPATiation
OF YOUR CRYPTIC
ASSERTIONS WOULD
BE MET WITH AN
APPROBATORY
RESPONSE.

I THINK
WHAT DOC FIFTY-
DOLLAR-WORDS IS
SAYING IS, HOW
HAVE YOU SEEN
SOMETHING THAT
HASN'T
HAPPENED YET?

INDUBITABLY.

LUKE, YOU
KNOW ME. WE'RE
FRIENDS. WE'VE
WORKED
TOGETHER. I WOULDN'T
LIE TO YOU.

I SAW IT. I
EXPERIENCED
IT.

SEEING AND
EXPERIENCING CAN
BE TWO DIFFERENT
THINGS.

Y'ALL TELLIN'
ME YOU SAW THIS
THE SAME WAY YOU SAW
WHAT HAPPENED TO RHODEY?
OR DID YOU EXPERIENCE IT
THE WAY YOU EXPERIENCED
BANNER GETTING
KILLED?

LUKE,
YOU'RE NOT BEING
REASONABLE!

DON'T YOU
EVER ACCUSE ME OF
BEING UNREASONABLE!
NOT YOU!

NOT
AFTER ALL
THE ACCUSATIONS
YOU AND EVERY
MUTANT HAVE
FACED.

I'VE BEEN
ACCUSED OF THINGS
I DIDN'T DO BEFORE.
WENT TO PRISON FOR
A CRIME I DIDN'T
COMMIT.

AND NOW
YOU COME HERE,
LOOKIN' TO TAKE ME
IN FOR SOMETHING YOU
THINK I'M GONNA DO.
WITH ALL DUE
RESPECT...

...YOU MUST
BE OUTTA YOUR
KNICK-KNACK-PADDY-
WHACKIN' MINDS IF YOU
THINK THAT'S WHAT'S
ABOUT TO
HAPPEN.



PLEASE, LUKE, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS.

AGREED. DON'T MAKE THIS ANY MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT ALREADY IS.

AIN'T A THING ABOUT THIS DIFFICULT FOR ME.

BUT YOU, CAROL... YOU GOT A PROBLEM ON YOUR HANDS.

I TRIED. YOU ALL SAW THAT.

LET'S MAKE THIS AS QUICK AND PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE.

SORRY I DRAGGED YOU TWO INTO THIS MESS.

THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR.

APOLOGY ACCEPTED. NOW LET US INFLICT COPIOUS QUANTITIES OF PAIN TO THE GLUTEUS MAXIMUS.

WHAT?



LET'S
KICK ASS--
LURK!

TO BE CONTINUED...

LUKE LETTERS & DANNY DIATRIBES

Hello, Power Man paramours and Iron Fist fanciers!

Looks like Luke's got quite a fight on his hands! Y'know, I'm starting think this war might not be so civil after all... But you know who is civil? Our own dear David Walker, back from SDCC and ready to take on your letters. Take it away, David!

Dear Marvel,

Wow... That is all I can say about this new POWER MAN AND IRON FIST series. I just read issue #3 and it is awesome! I have never read anything about Power Man or Iron Fist, but I have heard a lot about this duo and the comic looked very intriguing, so I decided to pick it up. And, man, did I make the right choice. I love the art and the story is amazing. I can't wait to see what comes next.

Sincerely,
Derek

Thanks. I'm glad you made the decision, because we all benefit from an open mind. POWER MAN AND IRON FIST was one of my favorite titles when I was a kid, and I love the idea that we're helping reintroduce them to a new audience (not that you're a kid--but you get my meaning). If you get a chance, check out some of the PMIF reprints Marvel has been putting out. The classic stuff by Jo Duffy and Kerry Gammill is...well...classic.

Hey Marvel,

I just picked up this book and I gotta tell you, it's great!

The art took a little getting used to, but now I really like it and I think it goes really well with the theme and the tone of the book. Luke and Danny are great together, and I loved seeing Jessica and Luke interacting as a married couple. (Gotta say, it reminded me a little bit of my own relationship.)

I've never really read HEROES FOR HIRE, or any IRON FIST apart from some books here and there, but somehow it feels odd to see him as comic relief--is that gonna change?

Anyway, great book and I can't wait for the next issue!

Edgar Chapa
Mexicali, Mexico

P.S. Please don't cancel this book.

Yes, the tone of the book will change, especially for Danny. The comedy will still be present, but we're getting much more serious. We're already seeing the shift in the CIVIL WAR II tie-in. As a storyteller, I felt it was crucial to start out with Danny more comedic, because I'm taking him on a very complicated emotional journey.

I love the current run of POWER MAN AND IRON FIST! Can't wait for #4! You guys are so talented and awesome!

No, you're awesome. The response and support of fans, critics, and retailers has been incredible. We're doing our best to tell fun stories, but without people like you, we run the risk of sounding like a group of people clapping with one hand.

I can barely relate to you just how excited I was to see a new POWER MAN AND IRON

FIST comic when it was first solicited. I remember reading and loving the original comic way back when I was but a boy. The original POWER MAN AND IRON FIST comics had that special something that set them apart from the other super-hero books; an edgy street thing mixed perfectly with the Kung Fu culture craze of the time to create an astounding feel that really spoke to me. And upon reading this very first issue, it has that same feel, simply updated for modern times! It's some seriously amazing "fiddle-faddle" to read. It makes me laugh and it makes me cheer. There are plenty of retro moments that make me think nostalgically about what has come before, yet it feels fresh and new. I'm hoping for a long future for this title, filled with some awesome Kung Fu-centric stories, street-level battles, intriguing magical mysteries involving Señor Mágico (love that addition), and hopefully the reappearance and reintegration of Misty Knight and Colleen Wing into the fold (fingers crossed).

H4H forever!

Bodhi Morningway

Having never met you, it may be a stretch to say that we're a lot alike, but we definitely have similar sensibilities. When I started writing this series, I knew it had to strike a chord with people like you (and me), who grew up reading the original series. I also wanted it to be something new readers could enjoy. It isn't always easy finding that balance, but the key is remaining true to Luke and Danny, who are great characters to work with.

Hey PMIF team,

I just wanted to share how much I am loving POWER MAN AND IRON FIST. It is easily in my top 5 current reads. David Walker, Sanford Greene, and Lee Loughridge are doing incredible work on this book. I can't wait to see where it goes from here.

Charlie B.

We will be going crazy from here. More action. More humor. Some tears. And quite a few guest appearances. Sanford is doing amazing work, and we now have Flaviano also doing incredible art (don't worry, Sanford is still on board).

Back in the day, I was a tried and true comics fan. From age 10-14 (circa 1979-1983), I was the prototypical comic book nerd. I haunted the shops and conventions (much fewer and farther between in those times) and devoured the *Overstreet Guide* as a true believer studies a holy script. And then...I drifted away.

Why? Puberty. The considerable charms of the 15-year old ingénues in my sophomore class. Sorry! Over the years, I tried reconnecting with comics. But they never turned me on like they had before.

2016: I happened across the rebooted POWER MAN AND IRON FIST. There, I found cool stories, compelling characters, fluid artwork, sharp dialogue, and humor the folks at *Saturday Night Live* should envy! Huzzah! I am home again!

Please keep up with the glimpses of Luke and Jessica's home life. I love it when she busts Cage's chops--fiddle-faddle, indeed! Don't let

Jessica hate Danny too much; he means well. And how 'bout a regular squeeze for Danny? What's more, I hope a(nother) Deadpool crossover is in the works. And might one Shang-Chi bump into Messieurs Cage and Rand someday? I sure hope so.

For me, Walker and Greene rank right up there with Simon and Kirby. I thank them, you, and everyone who works on PMIF for bringing me back to comics after 33 years in the wilderness. Keep up the great work and Make Mine Marvel!

Jack Lowe
Chicago, IL

Wow. I'm speechless (not really). I remember drifting away from comics (I was gone for almost a decade). I was convinced I had outgrown them. Thankfully, Brian Michael Bendis and Michael Avon Oeming started a little book called POWERS which brought me back to comics. I'm honored that PMIF brought you back, because this can be a great place to hang out.

Finally, after 30 years, Power Man and Iron Fist are back. For years I had hoped this title would be given another chance with a serious push to show why Luke and Danny are the true dynamic duo of the Marvel Universe. David Walker has demonstrated his awareness of the two characters by highlighting the friendship between the two. Even with the addition of Jessica and the baby in Luke's life, you still get the feeling that Danny was always first and will be a permanent fixture in Luke's life.

I have to say I am not a fan of Sanford Greene's artwork, even though he has captured the grittiness of living in New York. During Luke's and Danny's hiatus over the years, criticism of the two characters was about the lack of prominent villains to help define the two. I would love to see the development of worthy villains who have evolved from being petty criminals to serious threats. When you look at Daredevil, Spider-Man, and Wolverine over the years, great care was taken to develop worthy villains' galleries for the three heroes.

I know the comic market has been difficult for new titles to survive for long. I hope Marvel is serious about giving these two beloved characters every chance to prove they are worthy of a long run.

Cord Hale

Some serious villains are lurking around the corner. As for Sanford's art...we'll have agree to disagree. I've been a fan for years, and as such, I'd just encourage you to study what he's doing without looking at the words I've written. Look at the body language, the facial expressions, the dynamic flow of the action. He is a master of storytelling, even if the basic aesthetics of style aren't your cup of tea, he is a talented knick-knack-paddy-whacker.

Thanks for the letters, everyone, keep 'em coming! I'll see you back here next month for the grand finale to our CIVIL WAR II story! Sanford and Flaviano have made an issue of epic proportions not to be missed!

Stay Weird!

-Jake T.

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& IRON FIST 9



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WAR II

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GREENE
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CIVIL WAR II

POWER MAN & IRON FIST

DANIEL RAND IS IRON FIST, KUNG FU DEFENDER OF THE INNOCENT. LUKE CAGE, SOMETIMES CALLED POWER MAN, HAS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH AND DURABILITY. HE'S BEEN AN AVENGER, AND IS NOW A HUSBAND AND FATHER. THEY ARE THE HEROES FOR HIRE.

AN INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES HAS THE ABILITY TO SEE THE FUTURE. HIS VISIONS HAVE HELPED PREVENT CATASTROPHES, AND SPAWNED PROACTIVE MISSIONS ENDING IN TRAGEDIES, INCLUDING THE DEATH OF JAMES RHODES, A.K.A. WAR MACHINE. AS TENSIONS RISE, EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS MUST MAKE A CHOICE: PROTECT THE FUTURE...OR CHANGE IT?

DANNY IS IMPRISONED ON RYKER'S ISLAND. HE'S REFUSED TO MAKE BAIL IN ORDER TO PROTECT INNOCENT MEN WHO WERE LOCKED UP BY PREEMPTIVE STRIKE: VIGILANTES USING AGNITUS, MYSTICAL SOFTWARE THAT CREATES CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR THEIR TARGETS. WITH HELP FROM THEIR VICTIMS, LUKE WAS INVESTIGATING PREEMPTIVE STRIKE AND AGNITUS, BUT PROGRESS WAS SLOW. HE ASKED SONGBIRD AND CENTURIUS TO MEET HIM OUTSIDE RYKER'S FOR SUPPORT, BUT THEY WERE INTERRUPTED BY CAPTAIN MARVEL AND HER ALLIES. ULYSSES HAD A VISION OF LUKE LEADING A DISASTROUS PRISON BREAK, AND CAROL CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN.

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...GOTTA
STOP THEM
BEFORE THEY RIP
THIS PLACE
APART!

CHE-HUI!

DANNY RAND
(A.K.A. IRON FIST)

GET
THEM OFFA
ME!

THIS IS
YOUR ONLY
WARNING...

KARADASH

IT CAN'T
BE!

IS
THAT...?



LUKE CAGE
(A.K.A. POWER MAN)

LUKE?!



CAPTAIN MARVEL
(A.K.A. CAROL DANVERS)



PUCK
(A.K.A. EUGENE JUDD)



NOW
LOOK AT
YOU.



WE'VE
GOT PLENTY
MORE WHERE THAT
CAME FROM, IF
YOU AIN'T HAD
ENOUGH.



YOU'LL HAVE
TO GO THROUGH
ME.



FINE
WITH ME,
BLONDIE...
...LET'S
TANGO!



STORM
(A.K.A. ORORO MUNROE)

DR. NOAH BLACK
(A.K.A. CENTURIUS)

TAKE HEED,
I AM NOT TO BE
TRIFLED WITH.

BIG WORDS,
CONSIDERING YOUR
PREDICAMENT.

UNHAND
ME!



DEATHLOK
(A.K.A. HENRY HAYES)

YOU
REALLY WANT
ME TO LET YOU
GO?



IT'S A
LONG WAY
DOWN!

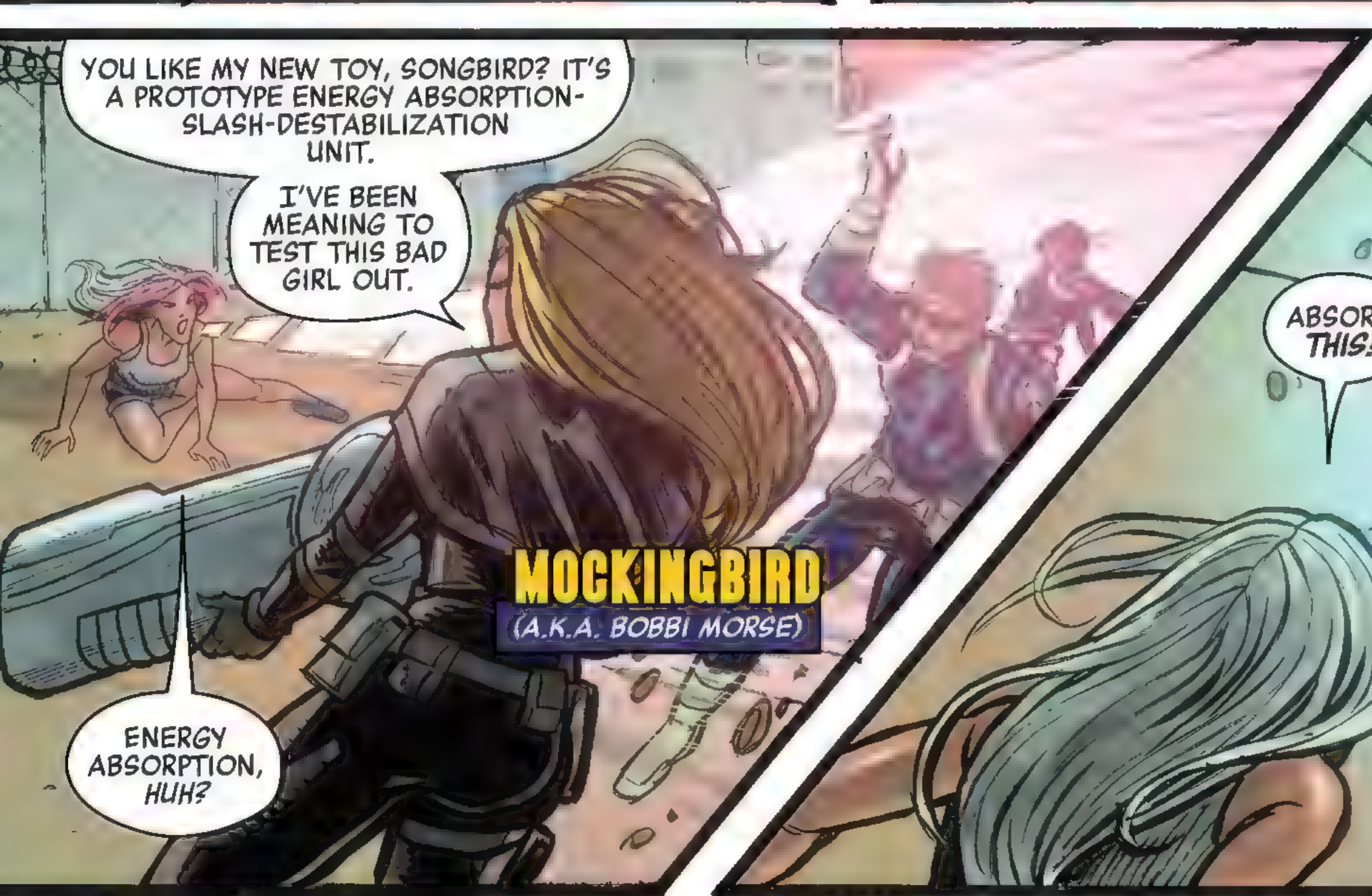
I HAVE
TRAVERSED GREATER
DISTANCES UNDER FAR
MORE HARROWING
CIRCUMSTANCES!



ARGH!

WARNED
YOU!

WHAT
THE...?!

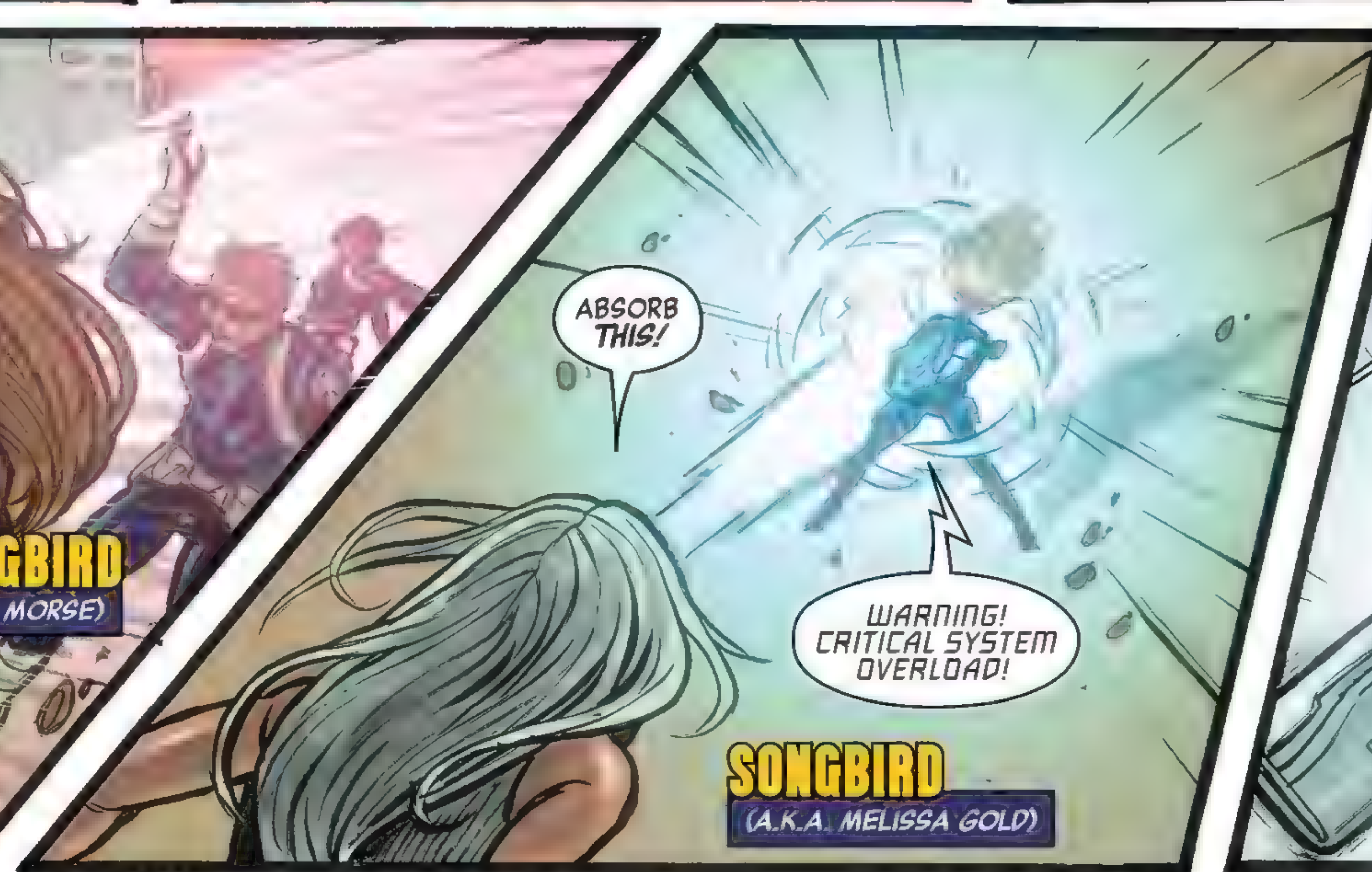


MOCKINGBIRD
(A.K.A. BOBBI MORSE)

YOU LIKE MY NEW TOY, SONGBIRD? IT'S
A PROTOTYPE ENERGY ABSORPTION-
SLASH-DESTABILIZATION
UNIT.

I'VE BEEN
MEANING TO
TEST THIS BAD
GIRL OUT.

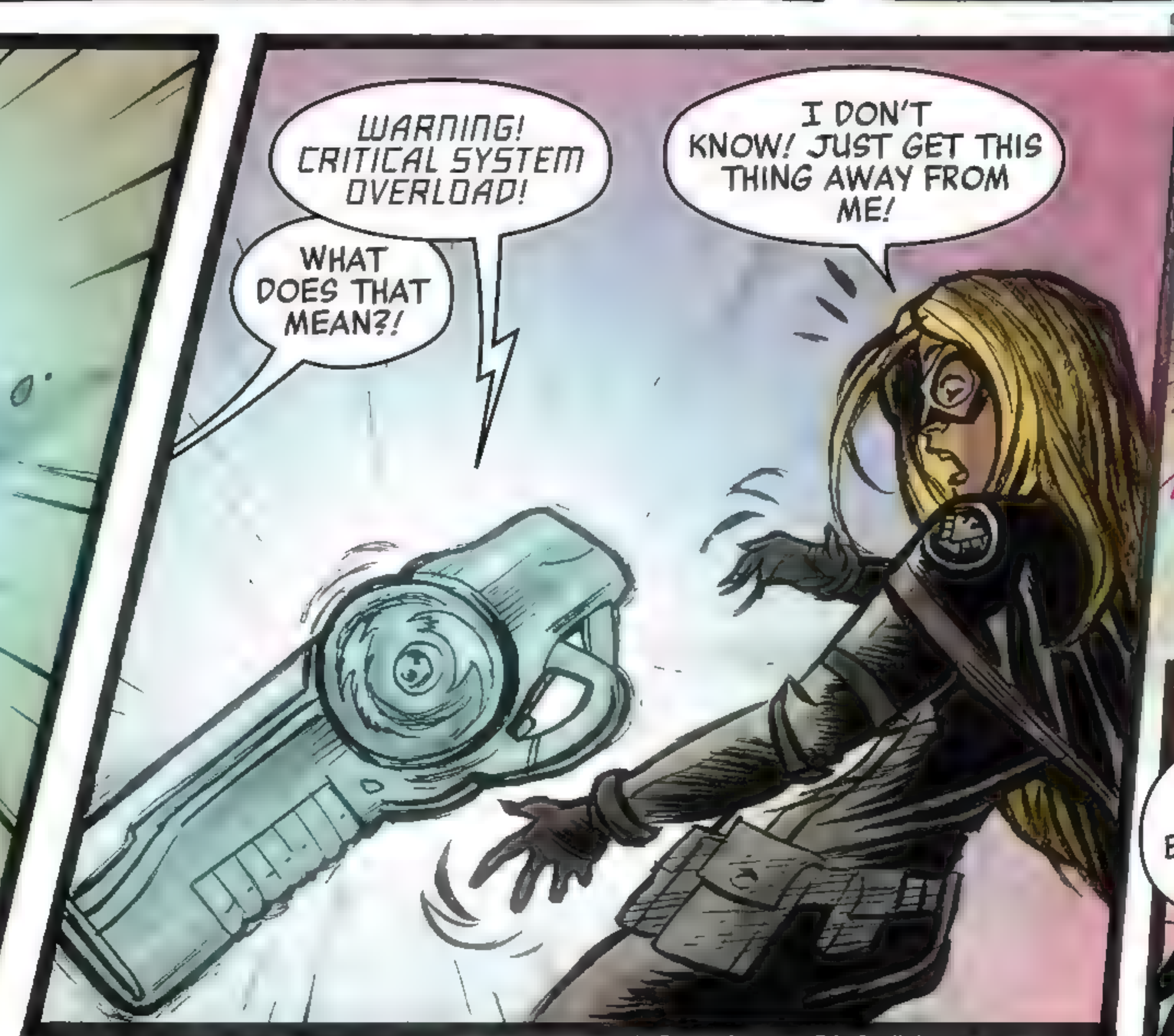
ENERGY
ABSORPTION,
HUH?



SONGBIRD
(A.K.A. MELISSA GOLD)

ABSORB
THIS!

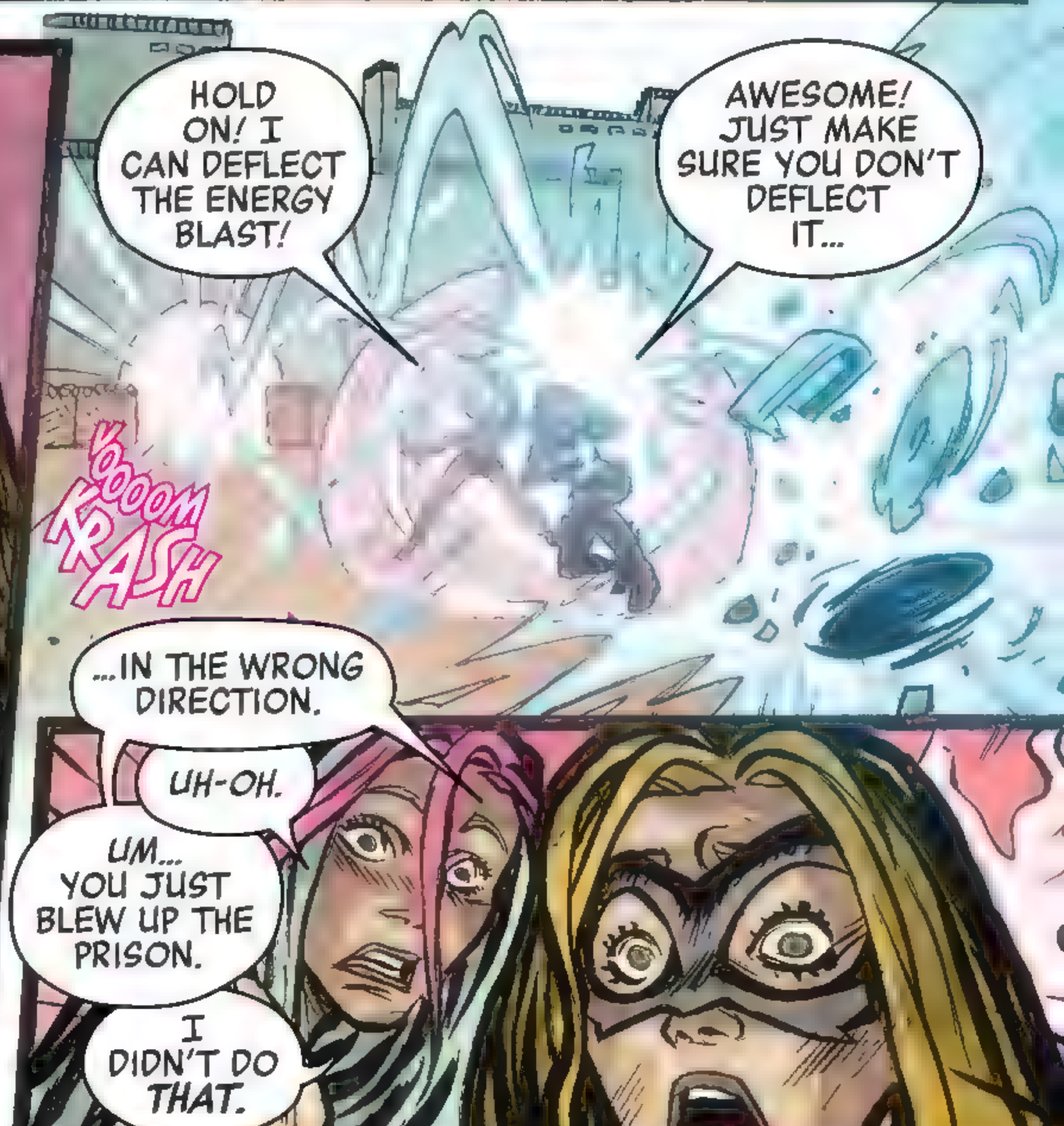
WARNING!
CRITICAL SYSTEM
OVERLOAD!



WARNING!
CRITICAL SYSTEM
OVERLOAD!

WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN?!

I DON'T
KNOW! JUST GET THIS
THING AWAY FROM
ME!



HOLD
ON! I
CAN DEFLECT
THE ENERGY
BLAST!

AWESOME!
JUST MAKE
SURE YOU DON'T
DEFLECT
IT...

...IN THE WRONG
DIRECTION.

UH-OH.

UM...
YOU JUST
BLEW UP THE
PRISON.

I
DIDN'T DO
THAT.

CHICO'S BAIL BONDS.

THE BRONX

...BUT UNLESS
YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR
TROUBLE, YOU'VE COME
TO THE WRONG
PLACE.

I'M IN
THE RIGHT PLACE,
ALL RIGHT...

CLETUS "DISCO
DEVIL" EVANS

...AND YOU
CHUMPS ARE THE
ONES THAT FOUND
TROUBLE, 'CAUSE
I'M WORKIN' WITH
POWER MAN--
LUKE CAGE,
SUCKAS.

AND
WE KNOW
WHO Y'ALL
ARE...

"...Y'ALL ARE THEM MASKED
FOOLS BEEN RUNNIN' AROUND
MESSIN' WITH FOLKS."

BUT DON'T
TRY TO HIDE,
'CAUSE YA COLD
BUSTED.

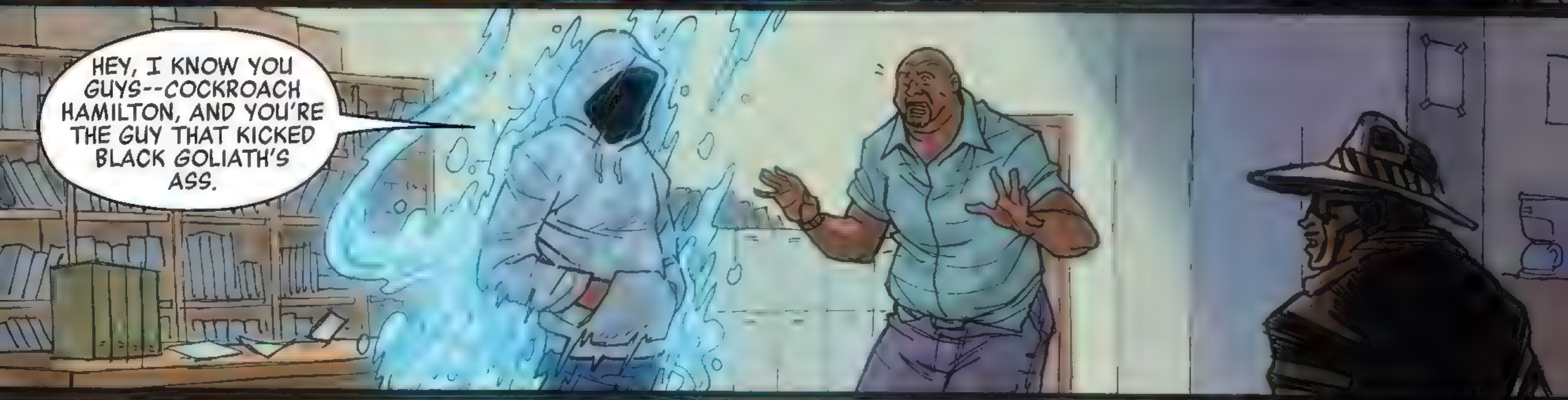
GOTTA BE HONEST...
I'M NOT WORRIED
ABOUT YOU.

CLICK-
CLACK

WHAT
ABOUT ME,
BEARDO?

YOU
WORRIED
'BOUT ME?

DONTRELL
"COCKROACH"
HAMILTON





WAS THAT AN EXPLOSION?

HEY...
ISN'T THAT LUKE CAGE?

DON'T
MOVE! HANDS UP!
WE DON'T WANT ANY
TROUBLE!



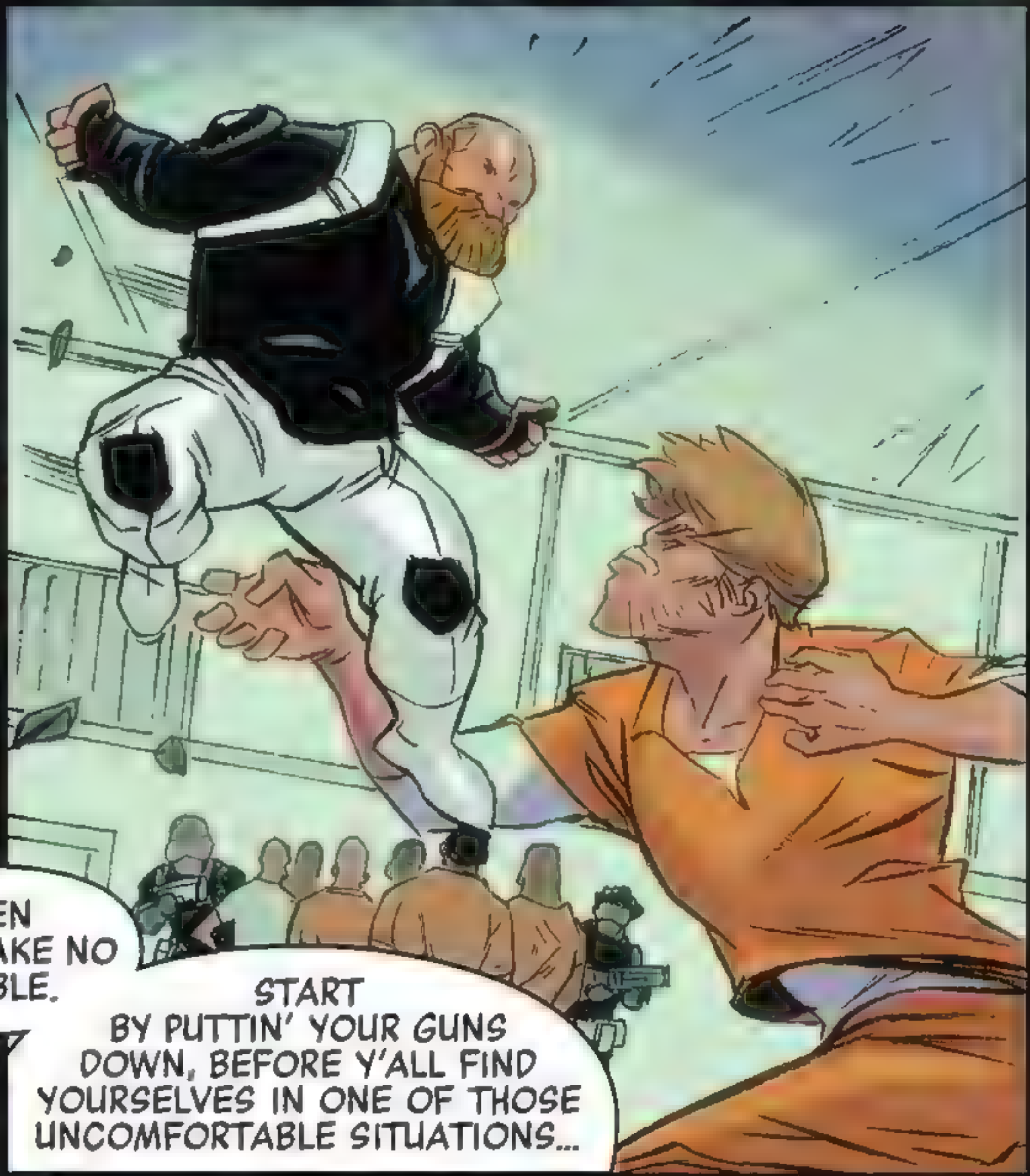
PUT
MY HANDS
UP?!

YOU DON'T
WANT ANY
TROUBLE?!

I WAS
MINDING MY
OWN BUSINESS AND
YOU CLOWNS
ATTACKED
ME!

IF Y'ALL
DON'T WANT
TROUBLE...

...THEN
DON'T MAKE NO
TROUBLE.



START
BY PUTTIN' YOUR GUNS
DOWN, BEFORE Y'ALL FIND
YOURSELVES IN ONE OF THOSE
UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATIONS...



...LIKE WHEN
SOMEONE SHOVES
YOUR STANDARD-ISSUE
S.H.I.E.L.D. ASSAULT
RIFLE UP YOUR
BUTT.



CAGE!

BLAAAST

I TOLD YOU TO STAND DOWN.

WE'RE TAKING YOU IN FOR ORCHESTRATING A BREAKOUT AT RYKER'S PRISON.

LISTEN TO HER, CAGE. THERE'S NO NEED TO MAKE THIS ANY WORSE THAN IT ALREADY IS.

I... UNGH... HEARD YOU THE FIRST TIME. AND I TOLD YOU THAT I WASN'T PLANNING A BREAKOUT-- YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE.

NOW, WE CAN SETTLE THIS LIKE GROWN FOLKS--AND GET DOWN TO SOME REASONABLE CONVERSATION...

...OR WE CAN THROW DOWN. IN WHICH CASE, MORE PEOPLE UNDER YOUR COMMAND ARE GONNA FEEL SOME SERIOUS PAIN.



YOU ARROGANT BASTARD.

TAKE HIM DOWN.



THIS AIN'T YOUR FIGHT, BLONDIE!

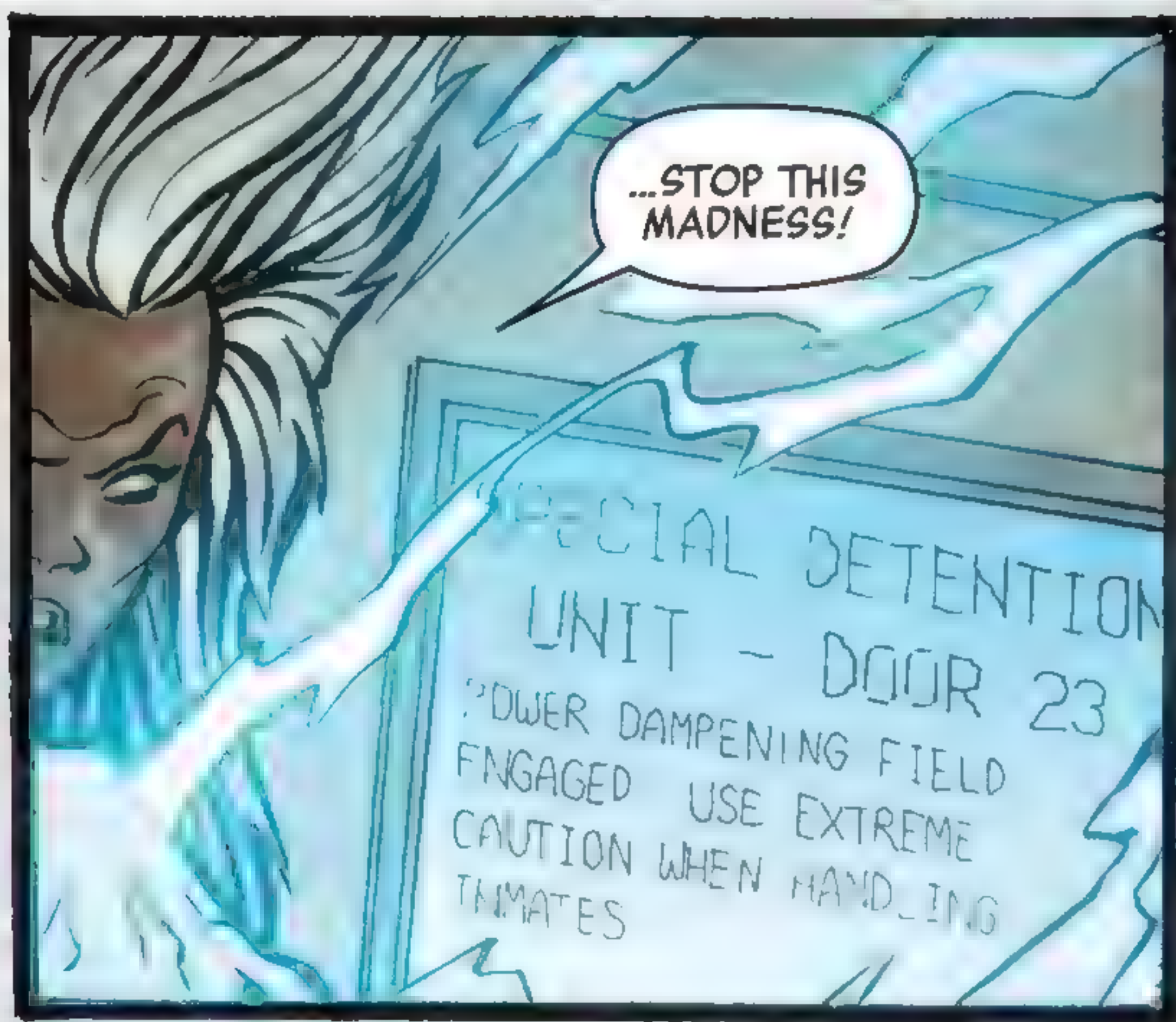
IT BECAME MY FIGHT THE MOMENT YOU ATTACKED MY BEST FRIEND!



YOU'RE MAKIN' MY HEART GLOW WITH ALL THIS LOVEY-DOVEY TALK.



CHIA-HUI!





CAN'T YOU FLY ANY FASTER?!

I'M NOT USED TO CARRYING THIS MUCH EXTRA WEIGHT!

ARE YOU TRYING TO BODY-SHAME ME?

NO. I'M JUST--

OH, NO.

DAMN. THEY'RE ESCAPING.

I CAN SEE THAT.



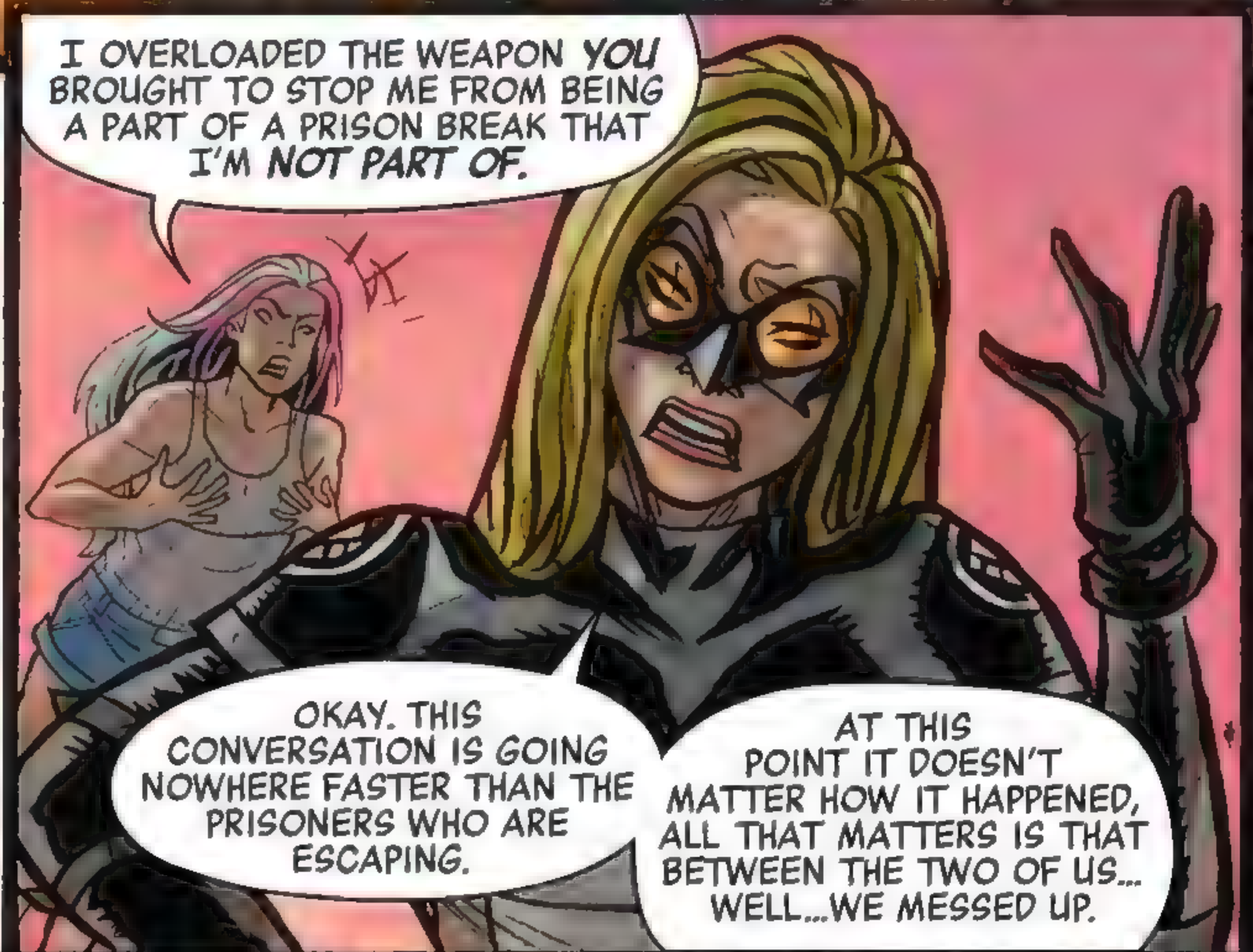
C'MON, BOO-BOO, WE'VE GOTTA MOVE FAST!



OH, MAN...THERE'S GOTTA BE AT LEAST FIFTY OF THEM DOWN THERE. THERE GOES WHAT'S-HER-FACE.

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT. YOU BLEW UP THE PRISON.

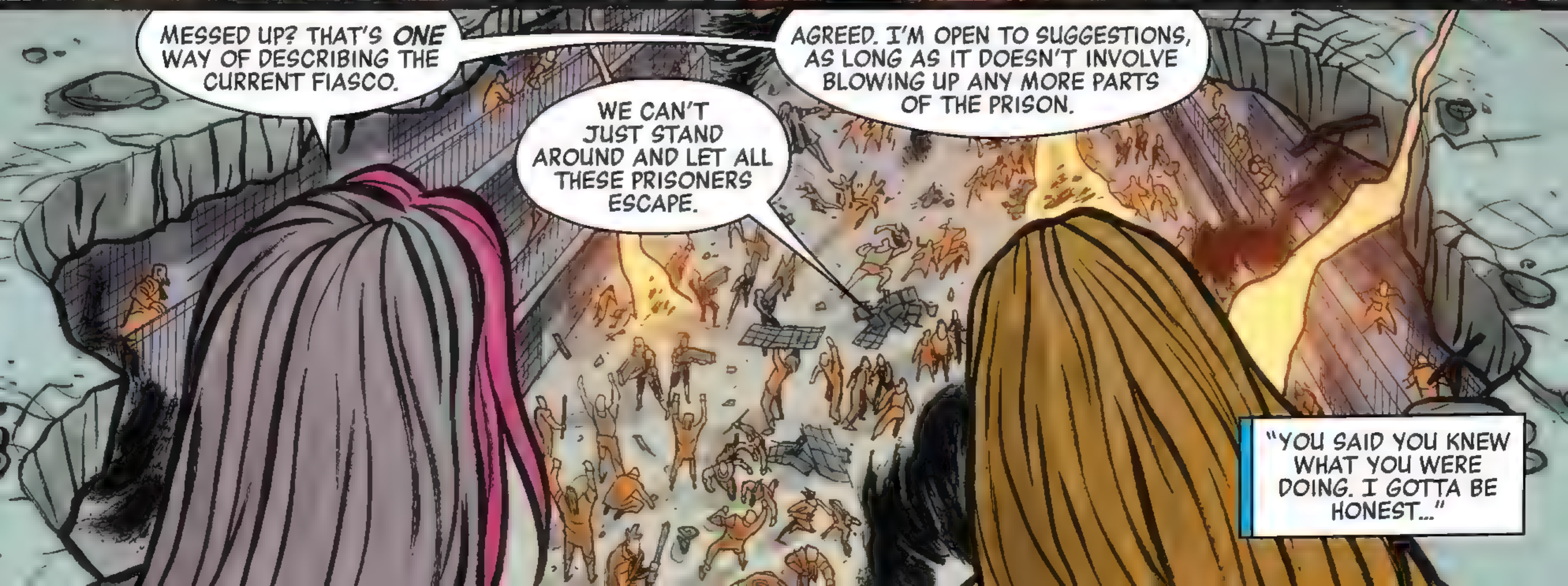
NO, THE ENERGY ABSORPTION-SLASH-DESTABILIZATION UNIT THAT YOU OVERLOADED BLEW UP THE PRISON.



I OVERLOADED THE WEAPON YOU BROUGHT TO STOP ME FROM BEING A PART OF A PRISON BREAK THAT I'M NOT PART OF.

OKAY. THIS CONVERSATION IS GOING NOWHERE FASTER THAN THE PRISONERS WHO ARE ESCAPING.

AT THIS POINT IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW IT HAPPENED, ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT BETWEEN THE TWO OF US... WELL...WE MESS UP.



MESS UP? THAT'S ONE WAY OF DESCRIBING THE CURRENT FIASCO.

WE CAN'T JUST STAND AROUND AND LET ALL THESE PRISONERS ESCAPE.

AGREED. I'M OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS, AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T INVOLVE BLOWING UP ANY MORE PARTS OF THE PRISON.

"YOU SAID YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WERE DOING. I GOTTA BE HONEST..."

DECOMMISSIONED
S.H.I.E.L.D. SAFE HOUSE.

...LOOKS TO
ME LIKE ALL
YOU'RE DOING IS
SOME FANCY
JAZZ HANDS.

QUIET, GADGET. THE SPELL
OF DENIAL THAT PROTECTS
THIS OBJECT IS COMPLEX.

YEAH,
THIS IS
A...

WHAT
IS THAT
THING?!

GWR000R!

AIIEEE!

OMG!
OMG!
OMG!

A
DEMONIC
SECURITY
SPELL!

VERY
STRONG!

SEÑOR MÁGICO

(I.T. GUY FOR
THE OCCULT)

SUHLARRG!

HEY!

FOUL DEMON, YOU LONG
TO TASTE THE FLESH OF
SEÑOR MÁGICO!

NO EN
EL DÍA DE
HOY!

IN THE NAME OF
FELICIANO EL FANTÁSTICO,
I CAST YOU OUT OF
THIS REALM!

FRSYK
PRXYER!

BACK!





THIS IS OVER, LUKE. TIME TO ANSWER FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

WHAT I'VE DONE?!

PLEASE, LISTEN TO US, LUKE. THERE'S NO NEED FOR MORE PAIN AND SUFFERING.

LOTS MORE THAN BUSTED BONES AND BRUISED EGOS HERE, LADIES.



WE WERE FRIENDS. I CAN TAKE WHATEVER BEATING YOU HAND ME...

...BUT COMING TO ARREST ME FOR SOMETHING I AIN'T DONE? THAT YOU THINK I *MIGHT* DO?

LOOK AROUND YOU. LOOK AT THIS PLACE...

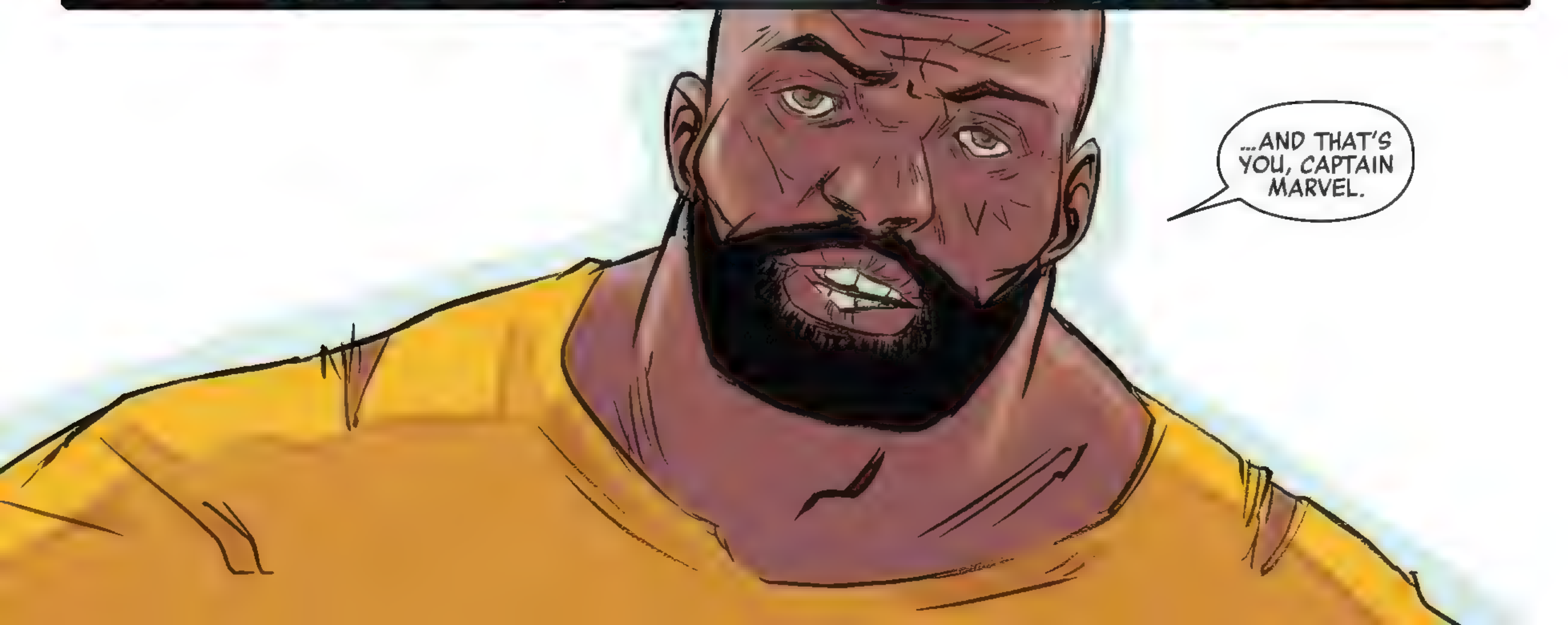


"...NONE OF THIS IS MY DOING.



"I DIDN'T START THIS FIGHT.

"AND WHEN ALL THE SMOKE CLEARS, AIN'T GONNA BE BUT ONE PERSON TO BLAME FOR ALL OF THIS..."



...AND THAT'S YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL.







KHYEN-
CHA!

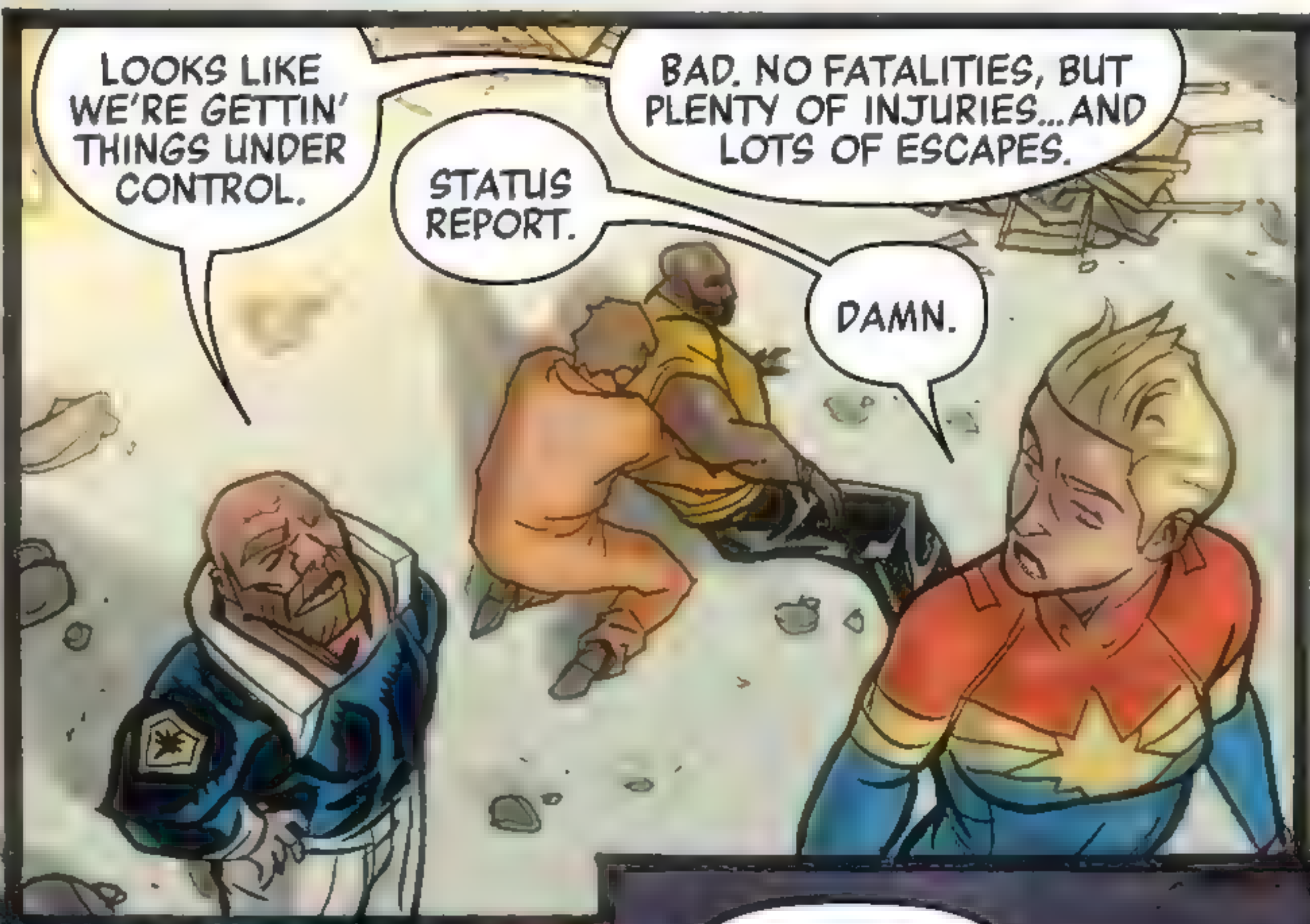
FWAPAAK



LUKE!



HANDS
IN THE
AIR!



LOOKS LIKE
WE'RE GETTIN'
THINGS UNDER
CONTROL.

STATUS
REPORT.

BAD. NO FATALITIES, BUT
PLENTY OF INJURIES...AND
LOTS OF ESCAPES.

DAMN.



DANNY...
HOW IS
HE?

HOW
IS HE?

WASN'T
ALL OF THIS PART
OF YOUR **PREDICTION?**!
DIDN'T YOU SEE ALL
OF THIS?!



YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND?



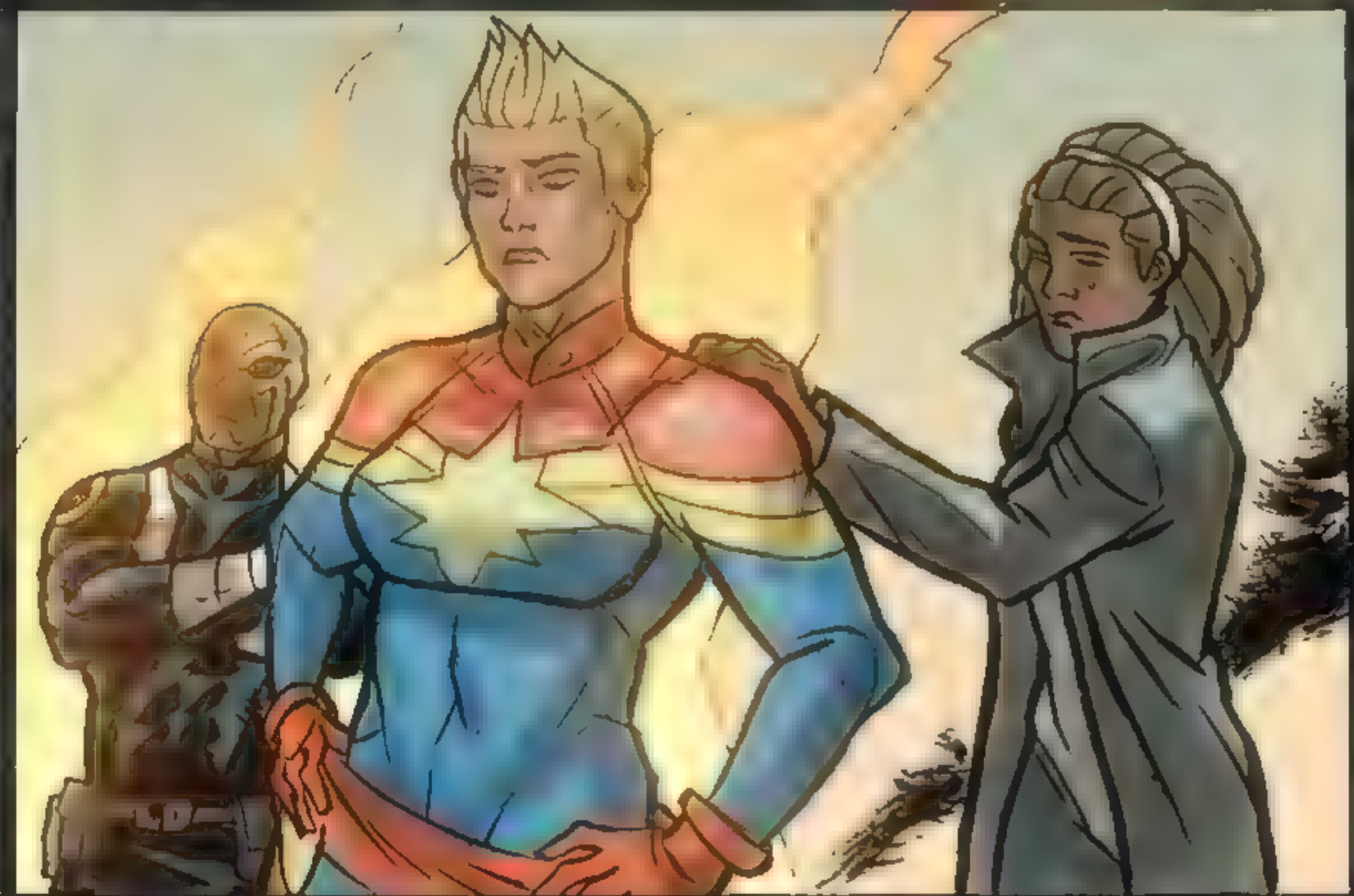
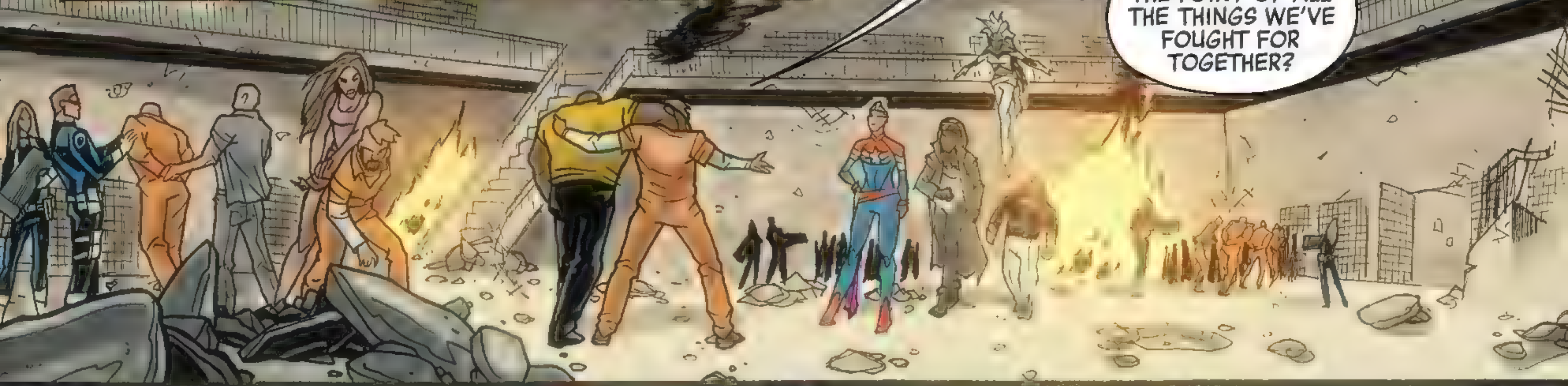
THEN *MAKE* ME UNDERSTAND, CAROL.

EXPLAIN TO ME HOW YOU SAW ALL OF THIS HAPPENING.

EXPLAIN WHAT LUKE EVER DID TO YOU TO JUSTIFY ALL OF THIS. TO MAKE YOU NOT TRUST HIM.

IF A VISION, OR A DREAM, OR SOME KIND OF DAMN PROPHECY OF SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HAPPEN IS ENOUGH TO MAKE US ALL TURN ON EACH OTHER...

...THEN WHAT'S THE POINT OF ALL THE THINGS WE'VE FOUGHT FOR TOGETHER?



THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

C'MON, BROTHER, THERE'S STILL WORK TO DO...

...A BIG MESS TO CLEAN UP.

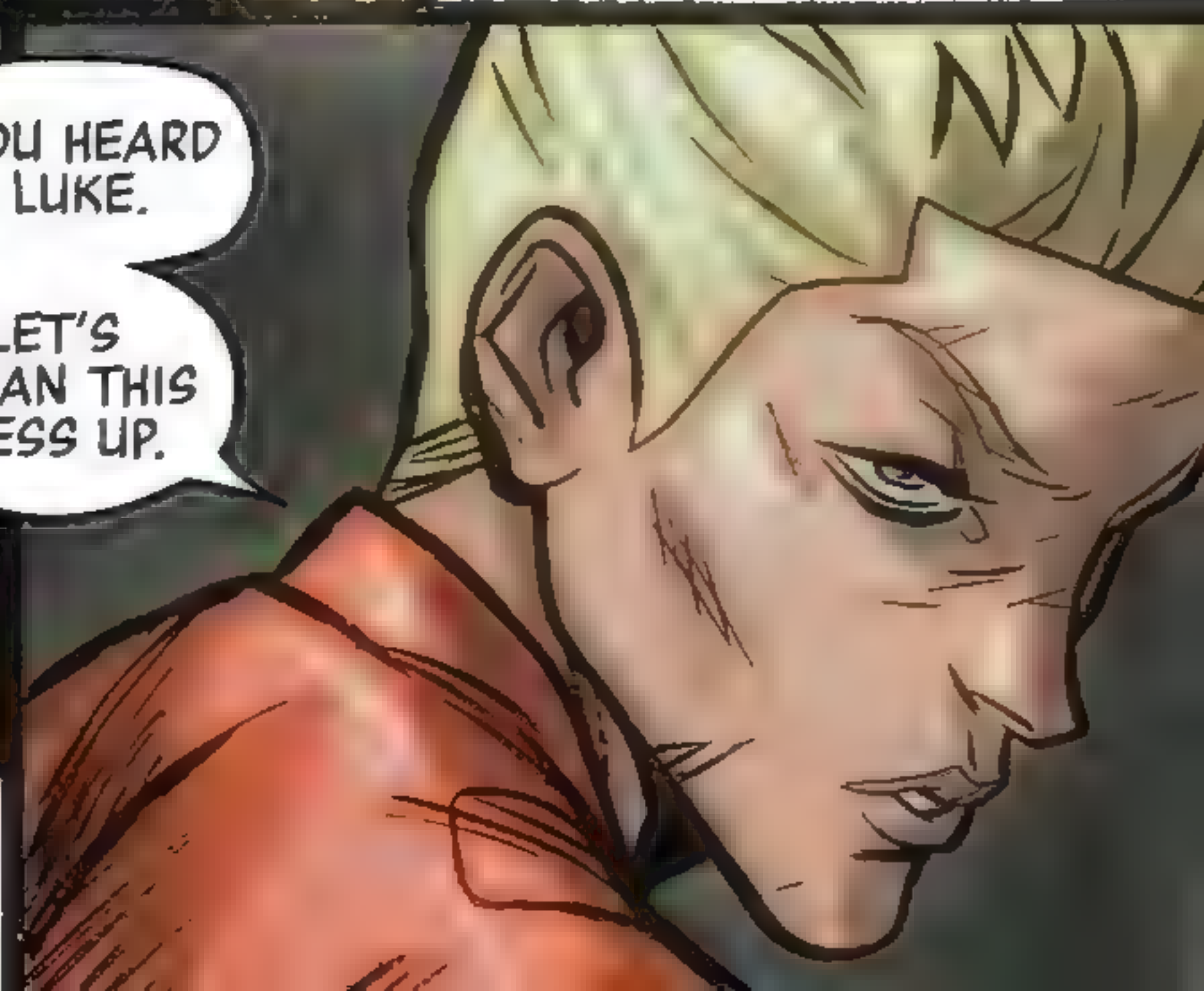


WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO?



YOU HEARD LUKE.

LET'S CLEAN THIS MESS UP.





HOW YOU DOING?

BROKEN RIB. MAYBE TWO.



I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL OF THIS...I KNOW YOU WERE TRYING TO DO YOUR THING. TO TAKE THAT MORAL STAND. TO HELP PEOPLE WHO WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LOCKED UP.

WHAT'RE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR? YOU DIDN'T BLAST THE HELL OUT OF THIS PLACE...



HONESTLY, MAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING. I NEVER HAD A REAL PLAN--JUST IDEAS.

LOTS OF IDEAS FLOATING AROUND IN MY HEAD. ALL OF 'EM WERE ABOUT HOW TO GET YOU OUTTA THIS PLACE.

AND ONE OF THOSE IDEAS... WELL...YOU KNOW...



NO, I DON'T KNOW.

WHAT'RE YOU GETTING AT?



ONE OF THE IDEAS I HAD...IT WAS CRAZY. I *KNEW* IT WAS CRAZY. AND I DON'T KNOW IF I WAS REALLY GOING TO DO IT...

...BUT ONE IDEA I COULDN'T GET OUTTA MY HEAD WAS TO JUST BUST YOU OUT OF THIS PLACE.

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT. HOW I'D DO IT, AND WHO I'D GET TO HELP... AND...WELL...

I DON'T KNOW IF I WAS GOING TO DO IT, OR IF I WASN'T. I JUST DON'T KNOW. BUT MAYBE ALL THAT THINKING IS WHAT SET THIS OFF. STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED.

MAYBE...MAYBE ALL OF THIS *IS* MY FAULT.



THE END.

NEXT ISSUE:
HELL UP IN HARLEM!

LUKE LETTERS & DANNY DIATRIBES

It was like Danny and Luke were speaking for me when they said they'd be "sitting this one out." I've had enough of these furshlugginer fiddle-faddle crossover events, even if CIVIL WAR II is masterminded by the great Bendis.

But I see through David Walker's cunning plan: PM & IF have decided not to choose sides, but get dragged in anyways! I like your style, Walker.

Cheers,
Bruce Marsh
Newbury Park, Greater London

It is all Luke and Danny--they tell me what they want to do, and I write it down. I recognized their desire to not be part of the current madness, but just because you want to avoid life, that doesn't mean life is gonna leave you alone.

Dear Marvel Comics,

My name is Ananzi G. I'm a big fan of your African American super heroes and their titles. Being a young black writer myself, seeing such praised writers like David Walker and Ta-Nehisi Coates make such beautiful stories inspires me to write more every day. And the art that Sanford Greene and Lee Loughridge do on POWER MAN AND IRON FIST is stylish and sleek as hell! The work that Brian Stelfreeze and Laura Martin do on BLACK PANTHER is inspiring and powerful. Not to discredit heroes and comics of people who aren't of color; VISION is probably one of my favorite runs out right now, the ALL-NEW, ALL-DIFFERENT AVENGERS are better than any team-up out there right now, and CIVIL WAR II? FAN-FREAKIN'-TASTIC!

I've never actually written to Marvel before--this is my first time. So if I'm rambling on in a letter no one will ever read the whole way through, my bad. I just wanted you guys to know that I wildly anticipate the release of the next great story you put out. And thank you guys so much for what you do--it's really inspiring.

Sincerely,
Ananzi Falo Galileo

Yes, you are rambling, but as someone who frequently rambles, I get what you are saying. Thanks for sharing your enthusiasm and appreciation in such a rambletastic manner. I am honored that my writing has inspired you to write to me. Keep at it. Take what inspires you, and turn it into something that inspires others (it's like a "circle of life" kind of thing).

Hello David Walker,

There is not really much to say about your work with the comic book series POWER MAN AND IRON FIST except a huge thank you!

The first time I heard about it, was in an article complaining about the portrayal

of Jessica Jones. I decided to pick up the comic book to see what the fuss was all about.

And what a wonderful surprise this series has been.

It's one of the few Marvel comic books coming out now that is entertaining and not leaning towards political ideology lectures. You have written great non-stereotypical black characters, male and female. I love also the way you are writing Tombstone's henchmen. Seriously, I am laughing out loud with every issue that comes out. It is just wonderful.

Regarding Jessica Jones' portrayal, I really think it's spot-on. My sister is a strong woman and married with an infant. She has very similar attitudes, and I don't think J.J. is being naggy. She is a woman that cares about her husband and at the same time knows he has as many responsibilities with the family as she does.

The drawing is also so fitting for the story. It is detailed and a little bit caricaturesque, with yellow tones that make the whole story feel nostalgic. Thanks, Greene and Lee! You guys are awesome.

And of course, chemistry between Danny and Luke has been incredible. You are writing a great story here, and you have me excited for every new issue to come out.

Please, keep up the good work!

Lucas

Honestly, I want to use Jessica Jones more, but this is POWER MAN AND IRON FIST, not POWER MAN, IRON FIST, AND JESSICA JONES. Plus, Jessica has got her own solo book coming, and though no one will admit it, you can only use her in comics if you kneel before Bendis and say, "Captain, my captain."

Just finished PMIF #6 and I'm absolutely loving this run. Brilliant characters, outstanding artwork, great storylines, and supercool dialogue. Definitely one of the titles I look forward to the most from my pull list. Cannot wait for #7. Keep up the damn fine work, you guys.

Leon Cooper
London

For the record, no one involved in the creation of PMIF paid this guy.

Sent from my iPhone I just got done reading issue I love it it's so funny it's now my favorite book ok to print Dave from Winthrop ma

The fact that your enthusiasm for PMIF was so great that you essentially sent a text message brings me a level of joy I can't describe. Seriously.

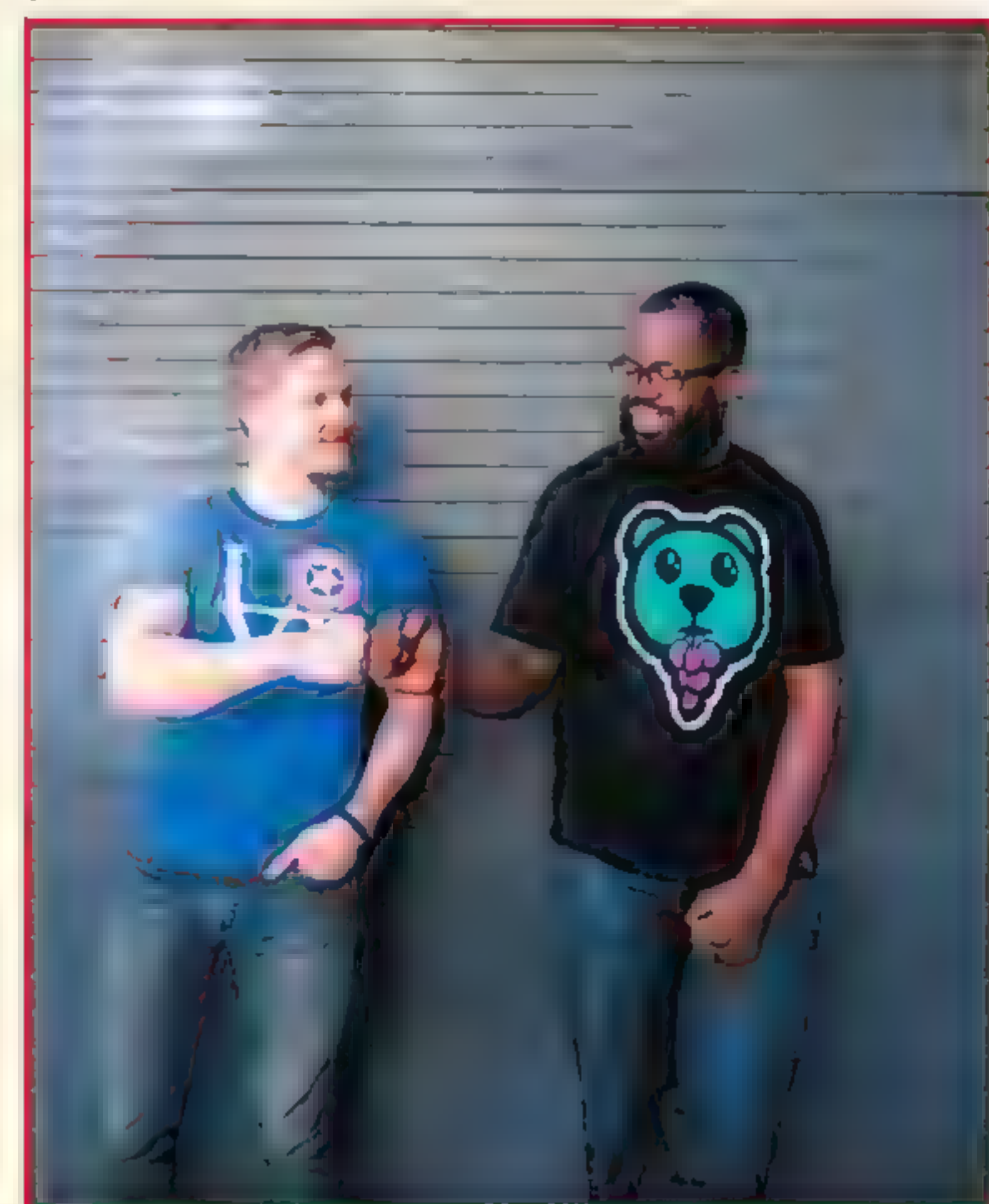
I'm a recent convert to comics, turned

onto the genre by my boyfriend, Adam, who is a super-fan. His enthusiasm for the art and storytelling got me excited to read too, opening up a new world. He and his friend, Octavius, do that for a lot of people with their podcast, COMIC BOOK JUNTO, where they use geek culture as the lens through which they discuss philosophy, social justice, and current events.

The two became friends 5 years ago, bonding over comics, and they are particularly big fans of Power Man and Iron Fist. The characters are superficially quite different--one is a big, devout, married black man and the other is a lithe white dude--just like Ock and Adam. And they are similarly joined together by brotherly love and a shared passion for doing the right thing. They talk about the Power Man and Iron Fist collaboration, how it echoes their own friendship, and the potential for comics to inspire others to be heroes.

Taking their talk a step further, later this month (September), Adam is donating his kidney to Octavius. Ock suffers from advanced kidney disease and without an organ donation, his status would only deteriorate. With the transplant, both men can go on to live long, healthy lives.

This sacrifice is just one of many they would make for each other and for others who need their help. Here's to many more years of love and heroism.



(Photo courtesy of Amanda Swiger)

Thank you so much,
Timaree Schmit
Philadelphia, PA

This did not make me cry...that much. Mad respect and much love to Adam and Octavius, and to true friendship. On behalf of myself, the entire PMIF team, and all the readers that understand the true nature of friendship, we offer positive thoughts to them, hoping for a healthy recovery from their upcoming surgery. Adam and Ock, we love you.

-David F. Walker

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MARVEL

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ANNUAL
WALKER
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MILLA

Sweet Christmas



Orphan Daniel Rand earned the power of the Iron Fist in the mystical city of K'un Lun. As an adult, Danny oversees the Rand Corporation and moonlights as Iron Fist: kung fu defender of the innocent.

Prisoner Luke Cage was subjected to experiments that gave him superhuman strength and durability. As Power Man, he's a hero and an Avenger, and now a husband and father.

After years apart, they're back together as Heroes for Hire.

POWER MAN AND IRON FIST

Sweet Christmas



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THANKSGIVING
NIGHT,
11:45 pm...

I'M STANDING
OUTSIDE OF THE LATEST
ADDITION TO TIMES SQUARE,
TOYVERSE--THE BIGGEST
TOY STORE IN THE
COUNTRY...

...AND
THE EXCLUSIVE
HOME OF THE MOST
ANTICIPATED TOY OF
THE YEAR, **SCHNUCKIES**--
AN EXTENSION OF THE
INCREDIBLY POPULAR
VIDEO GAME THAT
HAS OUTPACED
POKÉMON GO.



AND
WITH ME IS
THE CREATOR OF
THESE ADORABLE
CREATURES,
**GUSTAV
SILBE**.

THANKS, SALLIE--
IT'S A REALLY EXCITING
TIME AS WE PREPARE TO
OPEN THE BIGGEST TOY
STORE IN THE COUNTRY WHILE
EXPANDING THE SCHNUCKIE
BRAND FROM THE WORLD
OF VIDEO GAMES TO
SOMETHING **REAL**.



MR. SILBE, YOU'VE COME UNDER CONSIDERABLE
CRITICISM, WITH CLAIMS YOU ARE EXPLOITING
CHILDREN WITH YOUR GAME AND
YOUR TOYS.

DOES THIS LOOK
LIKE EXPLOITATION
TO YOU? THESE PEOPLE
ARE HERE TO BUY
HAPPINESS.

THAT'S WHY
TOYVERSE WILL BE OPEN
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY
UNTIL DECEMBER 25TH--SO PEOPLE
CAN COME DOWN AND BUY
HAPPINESS WHENEVER THEY
FEEL LIKE IT.



SOME SAY
THE IDEA OF "BUYING
HAPPINESS" IS CORRUPTING
THE MEANING OF THE
HOLIDAYS--THAT THIS TYPE OF
MARKETING IS ACTUALLY
PART OF THE WAR ON
CHRISTMAS.



NONSENSE. IF
ANYTHING, WE HONOR
CHRISTMAS BY ALSO HONORING
HOLIDAYS LIKE CHANUKAH AND
KWANZAA. MOST STORES FOCUS
SOLELY ON CHRISTMAS, ALIENATING
OUR RESPECTED FRIENDS
OF OTHER FAITHS...

...BUT HERE
AT TOYVERSE, WE'RE
INCLUSIVE OF ALL FAITHS
AND ALL HOLIDAYS,
BECAUSE EVERYONE
MATTERS.



IT ALL
GOES BACK TO
THE THEME OF
SCHNUCKIES.

WE ARE
THE SCHNUCKIES.
WON'T YOU JOIN
OUR FAM-I-LY?

OH SO
CUTE. OH SO FUN.
LOTS OF LOVE FOR
EVERYONE.

SCHNUCKIES
ARE
FAM-I-LEEE!

AND DON'T
FORGET...

"...WE'RE OPEN 24/7 UNTIL
CHRISTMAS, BECAUSE
HOLIDAY CHEER KNOWS
NO HOURS!"





ONE MONTH LATER.
DECEMBER 24th.
10:45 pm...

THIS LINE AIN'T MOVIN'.

IT'S MOVING.

I STAND CORRECTED. IT IS MOVING. REALLY DAMN SLOW.

CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT ME OUT HERE ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

NO, I DON'T. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A SNOOKERWHATZIT IS.

IT'S NOT FOR ME--IT'S FOR DANIELLE. YOU KNOW HOW MUCH SHE LOVES SCHNUCKIES.



SCHNUCKIES.

THEY'RE ONLY THE GREATEST TOY EVER!

WE ARE THE SCHNUCKIES. WON'T YOU JOIN OUR FAM-I-LY?

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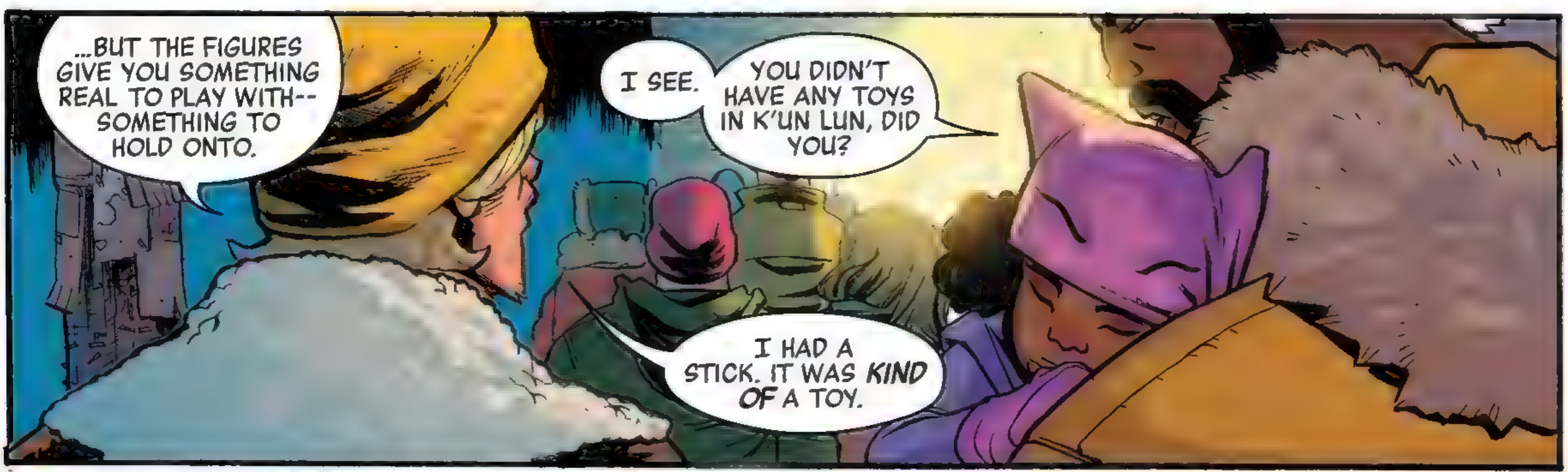
SCHNUCKIES ARE FAM-I-LEEE!

I THOUGHT THIS WAS A VIDEO GAME.



"IT IS A VIDEO GAME-- BUT NOW THEY HAVE THE FIGURES, TOO. THAT'S WHAT MAKES THEM SO AWESOME.

"IN THE GAME, YOU CAN CATCH THEM, AND TRAIN THEM, AND THEY BECOME YOUR BEST BUD..."



...BUT THE FIGURES GIVE YOU SOMETHING REAL TO PLAY WITH-- SOMETHING TO HOLD ONTO.

I SEE.

YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY TOYS IN K'UN LUN, DID YOU?

I HAD A STICK. IT WAS KIND OF A TOY.



THIRTY MINUTES LATER...

PSSST...



...TIME TO WAKE UP, MISS SLEEPY PEANUT.

HUH...?



PAPA!

WE'RE HERE!

THAT'S RIGHT.



IS THIS WHERE THE SCHNUCKIES LIVE?

YOU BET IT IS! LOOK AROUND--SCHNUCKIES EVERYWHERE!

WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR? GO FIND YOURSELF A SHOOTSAHOOZIT.

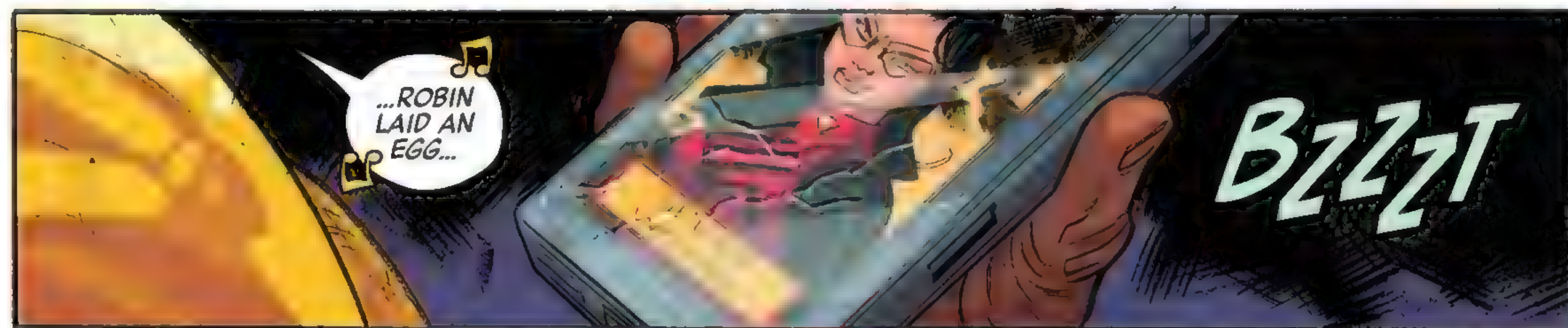


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OH SO CUTE. OH SO FUN. LOTS OF LOVE FOR EVERYONE.

SCHNUCKIES ARE FAM-I-LEEE!

I'LL JUST BE WAITING HERE.









C'MON, DREW. LET'S GET AWAY FROM ALL THIS NOISE.

I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP, CAGE. I DON'T...I JUST... I'M A TERRIBLE MOTHER!



I DON'T LIKE THIS ONE, UNCLE DANNY.

THAT'S OKAY, KIDDO. THERE'S SCHNUCKIES EVERYWHERE!



MINDLESS IDIOTS.

I SHOULD LET THEM ALL SUFFER IN THE DAMNATION TO COME.



...IT'S JUST THAT EVERYWHERE YOU GO, PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT THESE SCHNUCKIES, SINGING THAT DAMN SONG...I THOUGHT...I DON'T KNOW WHAT I THOUGHT.

YOU WERE JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THIS PARENTING THING, AND IT AIN'T EASY.

SOMEDAY I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME I WATCHED SCREAM, BLACULA, SCREAM WITH DANIELLE WHEN SHE WAS ONLY EIGHTEEN MONTHS OLD.

REALLY? SCREAM, BLACULA, SCREAM?

BETTER THAN MANDINGO--WHICH I ALSO MAY HAVE WATCHED.



UNCLE DANNY, SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH ALL OF THESE SCHNUCKIES.

HMMM. WRONG HOW?

THEY LOOK AT ME MEAN--LIKE THEY DON'T LIKE ME.



...CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THIS, CAGE. I REALLY THOUGHT I HAD THIS PARENTING THING DOWN--AND THEN THIS. THANK GOD I SAW YOU STANDING THERE.

FORGET ABOUT IT. WE ALL NEED HELP SOMETIMES. DON'T TELL ANYONE--BUT NO ONE CAN CHANGE A DIAPER LIKE WOLVERINE.



...THIS ONE, TOO. IT'S LOOKING AT ME FUNNY.

OKAY.

WELL, HOW ABOUT WE FIND ONE THAT ISN'T LOOKING AT YOU FUNNY?



YOU, CHILD! GIVE ME THAT INFERNAL THING!

IT'S JUST AS I SUSPECTED...



I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND, CAGE. THE OTHER DAY, I WAS CHANGING HIS DIAPER--AND HE PEED IN MY MOUTH. IT JUST SHOT OUT OF HIS LITTLE BABY PENIS.

I'M A SUPER HERO--I'VE FOUGHT EVERYONE FROM DOCTOR DOOM TO THANOS--AND A BABY URINATED IN MY MOUTH. SOME EVEN GOT IN MY EYE...IT STUNG SO BAD.



YOU'RE RIGHT, KIDDO--THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THESE THINGS. THE EYES ARE REALLY CREEPY, LIKE THE H'YLTHRI.

I DON'T WANT A SCHNUCKIE. CAN WE FIND PAPA AND GO HOME?



VERY CLEVER...

CAN I HELP YOU WITH SOMETHING, MR. HELLSTROM...



...OR SHALL I CALL YOU SON OF SATAN?

IT DOESN'T MATTER. WE WON'T BE TALKING.



HE'S ASLEEP.



C'MON, YOUR DAD'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.



YOU CAN EITHER GO NOW, OF YOUR OWN ACCORD... OR I'LL SEND YOU BACK, DEMON.



YOU'RE TOO LATE, SON OF SATAN.

THE HOUR HAS STRUCK, AND WITH IT...

...THE
REIGN OF KRAMPUS
BEGINS!

I DON'T
THINK SO...

AIIIIIEEEE!

...THIS WORLD
IS NOT YOURS TO
CLAIM!





YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A FOOL, HELLSTROM!

VACILLATING BETWEEN HELPING THESE WORTHLESS MORTALS AND TORMENTING THEM.



TONIGHT, I DINE ON THE SOULS OF HUMANITY!

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME, KRAMPUS!



OH, MY GOD!

HEEELP!

WHERE'S MY MOMMY?!



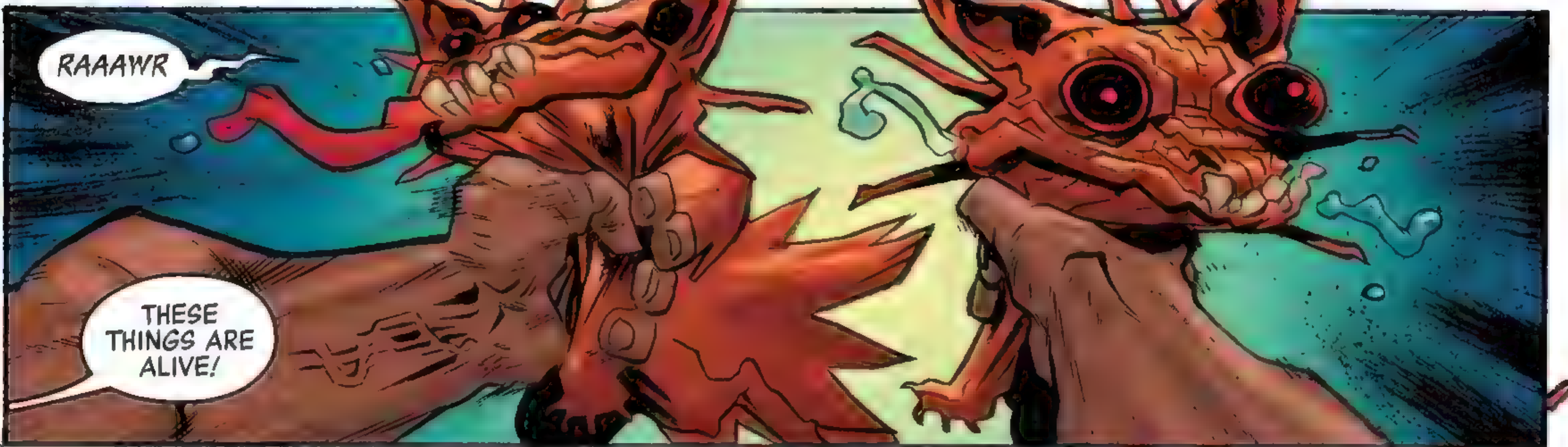
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!

YIIIIIKES!



YOU HEAR THAT?

IT SOUNDS LIKE PEOPLE SCREAMING.





UNCLE DAN--
I MEAN, UNCLE
IRON FIST, I'M
SCARED.

NO NEED
TO BE AFRAID,
SWEETIE.

UNCLE
IRON FIST'S
NOT GONNA
LET ANYTHING
BAD HAPPEN
TO YOU.



WHAT
ABOUT US,
UNCLE IRON
FIST?!

YEAH!
YOU GONNA
PROTECT ALL
OF US?!

SURE
THING.

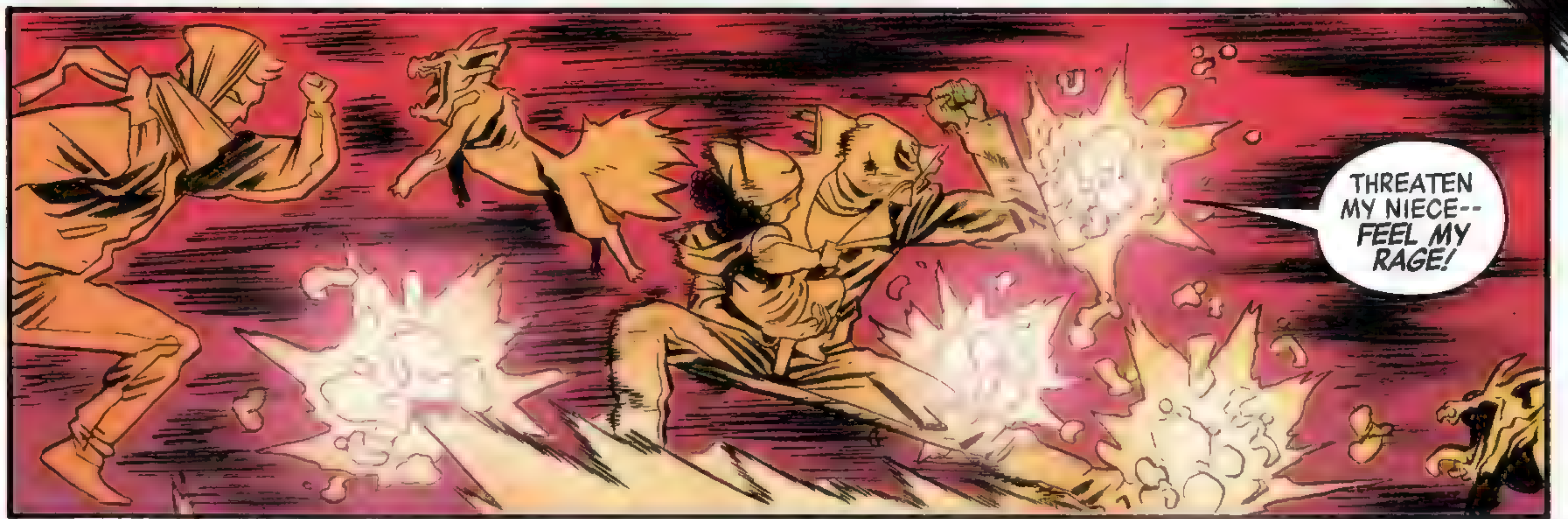
ALL OF YOU
ADULTS FORM
A PROTECTIVE
CIRCLE AROUND
THE KIDS...



...KEEP
THESE CREATURES
AWAY FROM
THEM...



...WHILE I
FIND OUT HOW
TOUGH THESE UGLY
FREAKS REALLY
ARE.



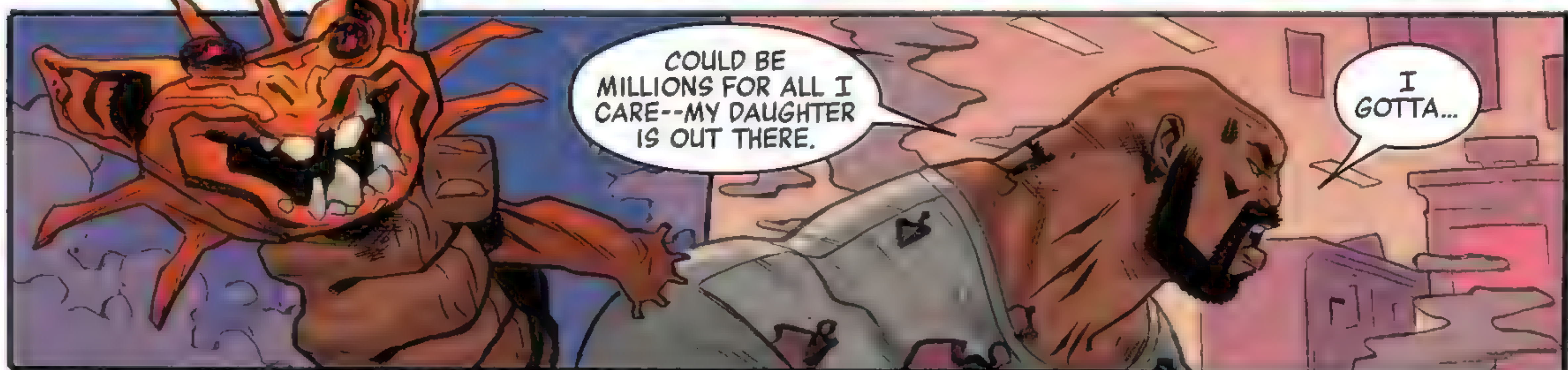
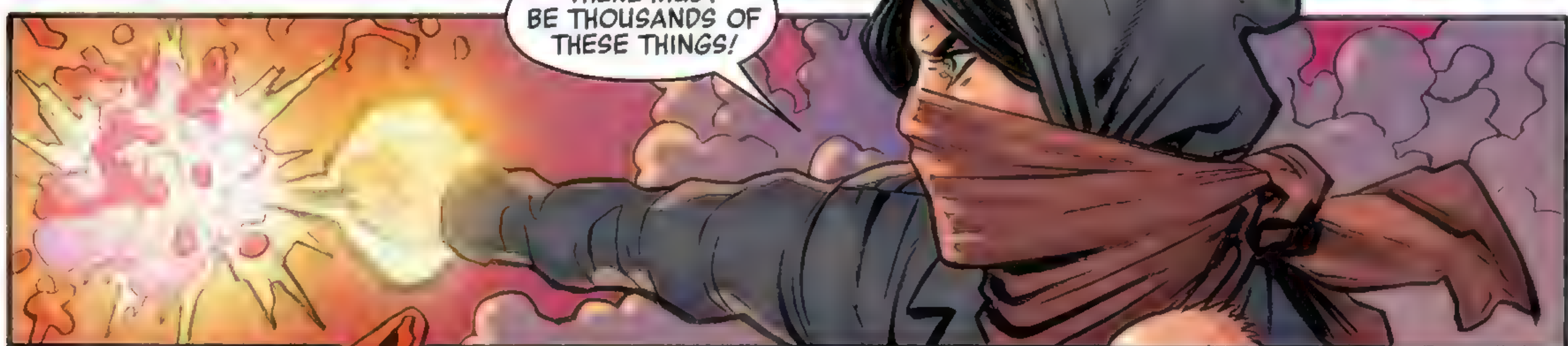


GET AWAY FROM MY BABY!

THESE THINGS ARE EVERYWHERE!

IT'S THE FREAKIN' TOYS-- THEY'VE COME TO LIFE!

THERE MUST BE THOUSANDS OF THESE THINGS!



COULD BE MILLIONS FOR ALL I CARE--MY DAUGHTER IS OUT THERE.

I GOTTA...



...OH, NO.

THERE'S TOO MANY--WE NEED AN ATTACK PLAN...



DAMN! NASTY-ASS DEMON GUTS!



LUKE
CAGE AND JESSICA
DREW--FANCY MEETING
YOU HERE.

LAST
MINUTE HOLIDAY
SHOPPING, ARE
WE?

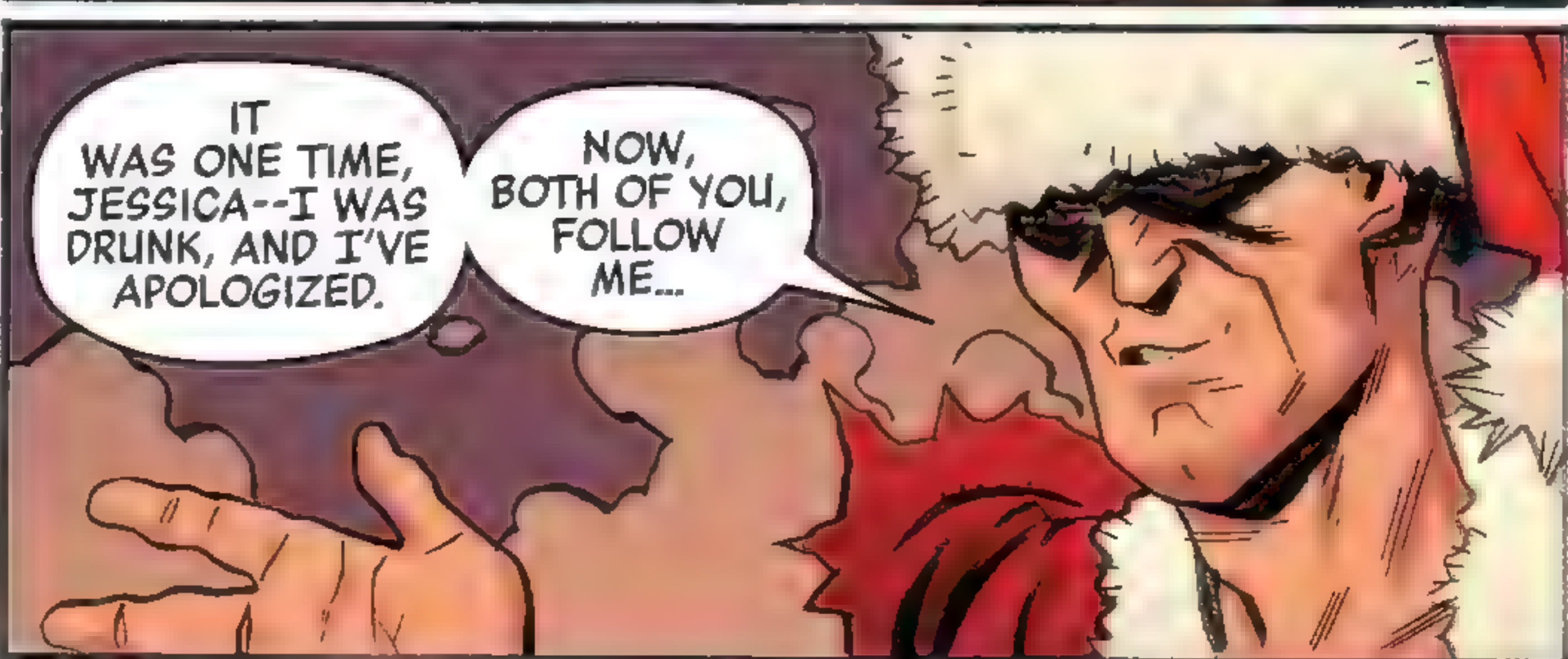


DAIMON HELLSTROM--
YOU RESPONSIBLE
FOR ALL THIS
MISHEGOSS?

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S
GOING ON HERE,
HELLSTROM...



...BUT
YOU BETTER NOT
TRY TO TOUCH MY
ASS AGAIN.



IT
WAS ONE TIME,
JESSICA--I WAS
DRUNK, AND I'VE
APOLOGIZED.

NOW,
BOTH OF YOU,
FOLLOW
ME...



...NEITHER OF YOU WOULD BE MY FIRST CHOICE FOR COMRADES IN ARMS, BUT MY BELOVED SISTER, SATANA, WON'T TAKE MY CALLS, AND I OWE DOCTOR STRANGE MONEY-- SO FORGET HIM.

I'M MANY THINGS, DAIMON, BUT YOUR COMRADE IN ANYTHING ISN'T ONE OF THEM.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



EARTH HAS BEEN INVADED BY AN ANCIENT DEMON KNOWN AS KRAMPUS.

HE IS ONLY CAPABLE OF ENTERING THIS REALM ONCE A YEAR--ON CHRISTMAS, AT WHICH TIME HE FEEDS ON THE SOULS OF WICKED CHILDREN.

HOW COME I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THIS KRAMPUS?



BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN A CENTURY SINCE HE LAST VENTURED INTO THIS REALM TO CLAIM SOULS.



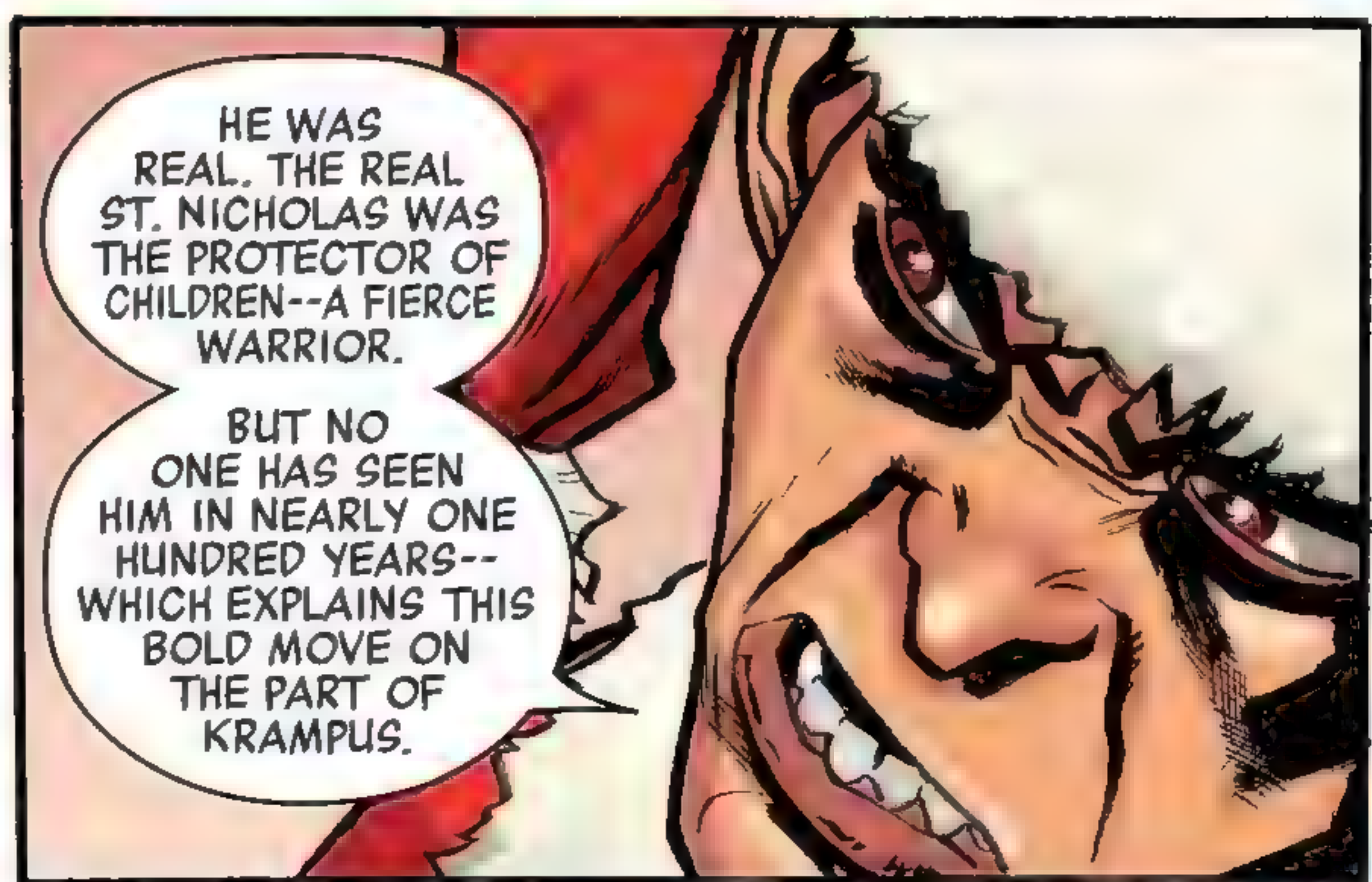
"HIS LAST ATTEMPT WAS THWARTED BY ST. NICHOLAS.

"KRAMPUS HAS LAIN LOW ALL THIS TIME, DEVISING A PLAN TO CORRUPT THE SOULS OF CHILDREN, MAKING IT EASIER TO TAKE THEM."



EVEN FOR BEING THE OFFSPRING OF SATAN, YOU KNOW THIS SOUNDS CRAZY?

HOLD UP. YOU'RE TELLING ME ST. NICHOLAS-- SANTA CLAUS-- IS REAL?



HE WAS REAL. THE REAL ST. NICHOLAS WAS THE PROTECTOR OF CHILDREN--A FIERCE WARRIOR.

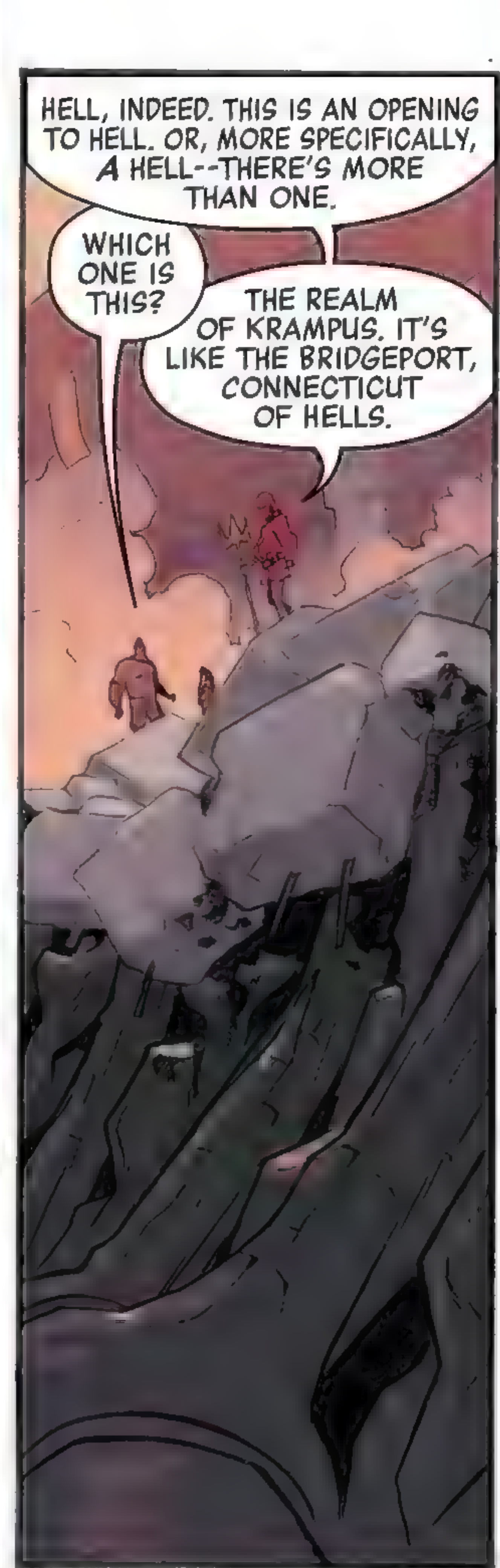
BUT NO ONE HAS SEEN HIM IN NEARLY ONE HUNDRED YEARS-- WHICH EXPLAINS THIS BOLD MOVE ON THE PART OF KRAMPUS.



AND IT HAS FALLEN UPON US TO DEAL WITH THIS THREAT.

YO, I DON'T WANT TO SOUND LIKE A PUNK-ASS FRAIDYCAT... BUT...UM...

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?



HELL, INDEED. THIS IS AN OPENING TO HELL. OR, MORE SPECIFICALLY, A HELL--THERE'S MORE THAN ONE.

WHICH ONE IS THIS?

THE REALM OF KRAMPUS. IT'S LIKE THE BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT OF HELLS.



WHO'S HIS INTERIOR DESIGNER-- H.R. GIGER?

PAPA!



THANK GOD!

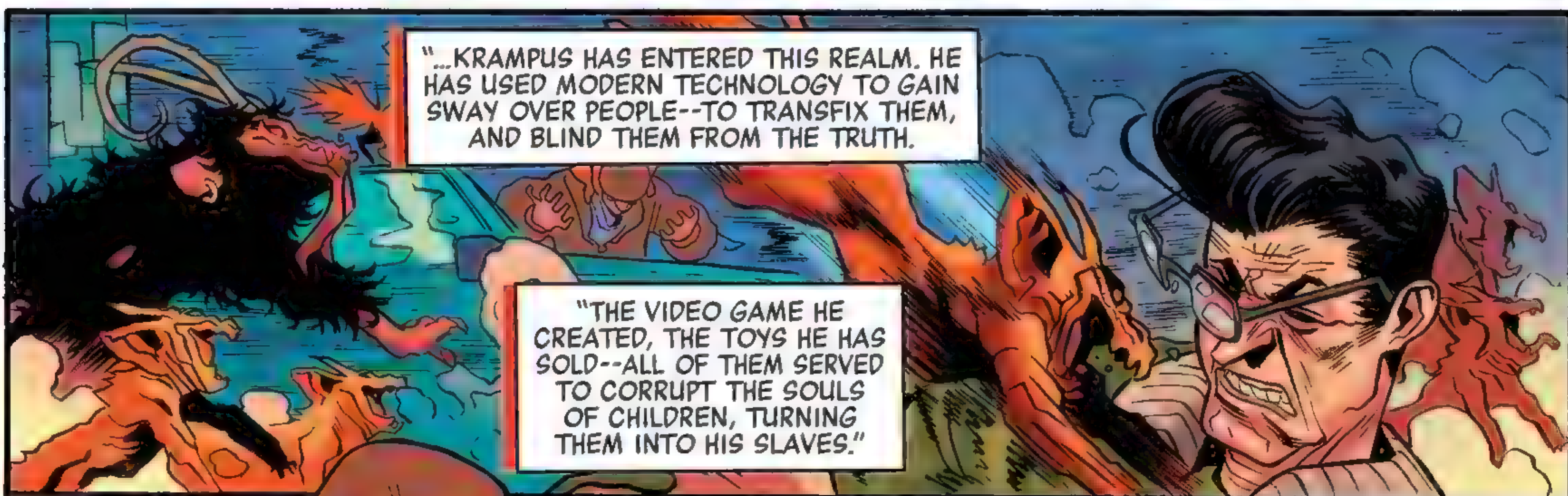
PAPA, THE SCHNUCKIES CAME TO LIFE AND TRIED TO EAT ME, BUT UNCLE DANNY USED HIS KUNG FU!

SHE'S OKAY, LUKE. I'D NEVER LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO HER.



JESSICA DREW?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?





"...THE INVASION HAS HAPPENED. KRAMPUS AND HIS MINIONS ARE HERE."

"HE IS AFTER MORE THAN THE SOULS OF CHILDREN--HE WANTS THIS ENTIRE WORLD."

"IF WE DON'T ACT QUICKLY, ALL THOSE SOULS WILL BE LOST TO HIM."



IT IS UP TO US TO STOP KRAMPUS AND SAVE THE WORLD.



WELL...?



SO...UM... WE TAKE OUR KIDS WITH US?

YOU'RE ASKING ME? I'M NEW TO THE PARENT PART OF SAVING THE WORLD.



LUKE, YOU AND JESSICA KEEP YOUR KIDS CLOSE. PROTECT THEM AT ALL COSTS.

EXPENDABLE? I'M NOT EXPENDABLE.

I HAVE A DATE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE--TICKETS TO THE ADAM LAMBERT CONCERT.

ME AND JUNIOR SATAN WILL TAKE THE LEAD--WE'RE EXPENDABLE.



OH, MY...THIS IS...

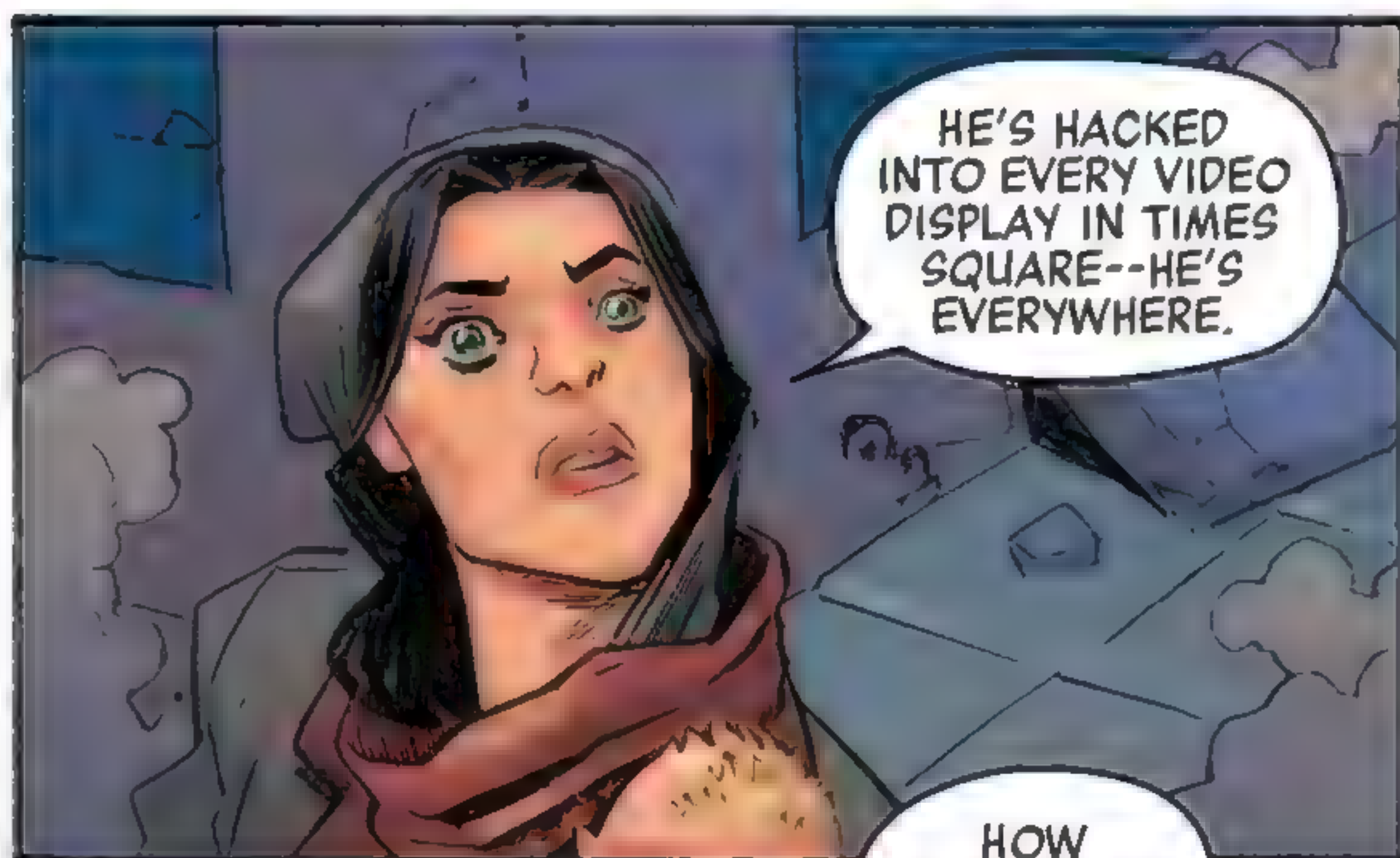
BAD.

REALLY BAD.

OH, PLEASE-- I'VE SEEN WORSE.



BLAAAST

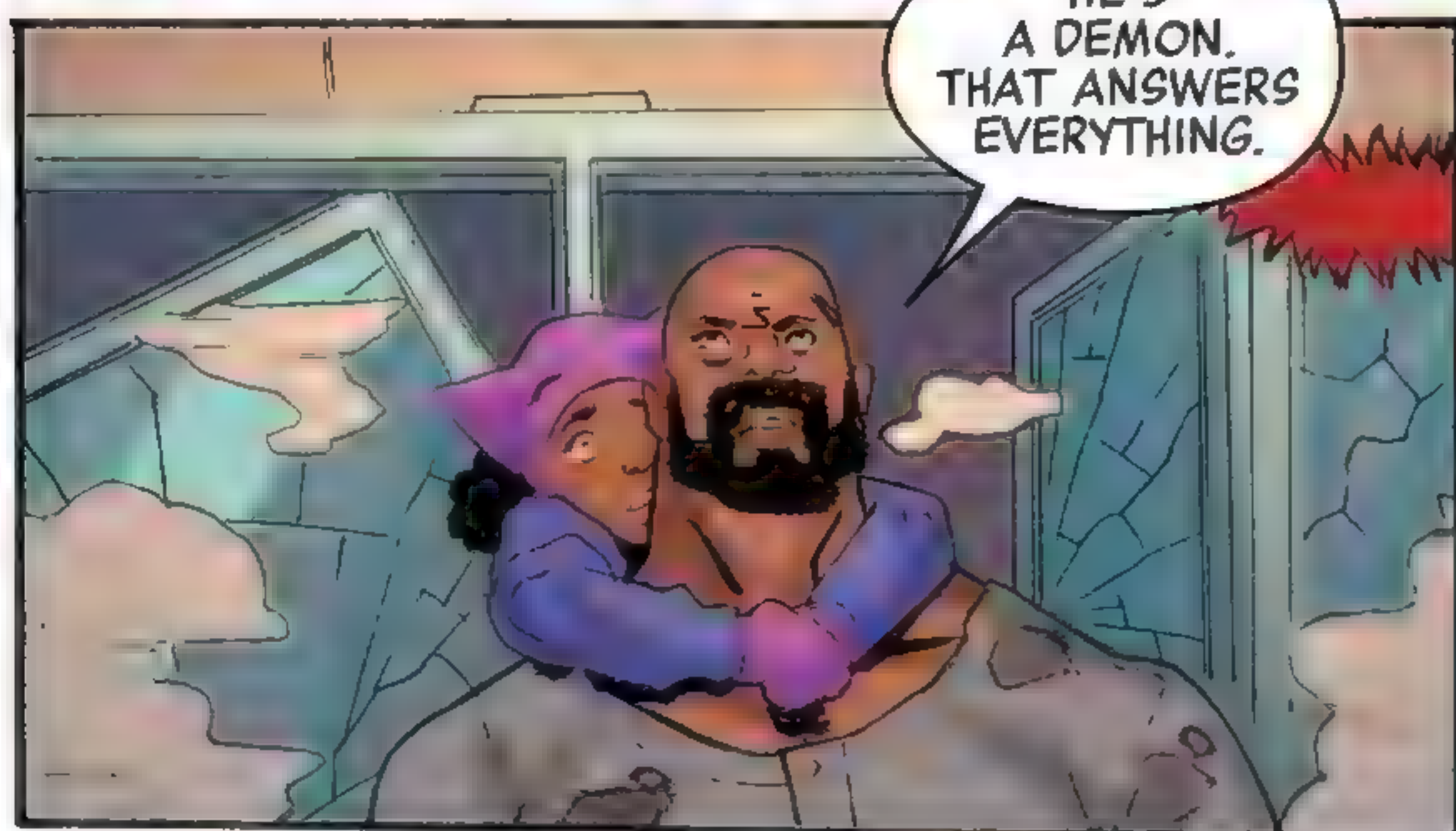


HE'S HACKED INTO EVERY VIDEO DISPLAY IN TIMES SQUARE--HE'S EVERYWHERE.

HOW IS HE DOING THAT?



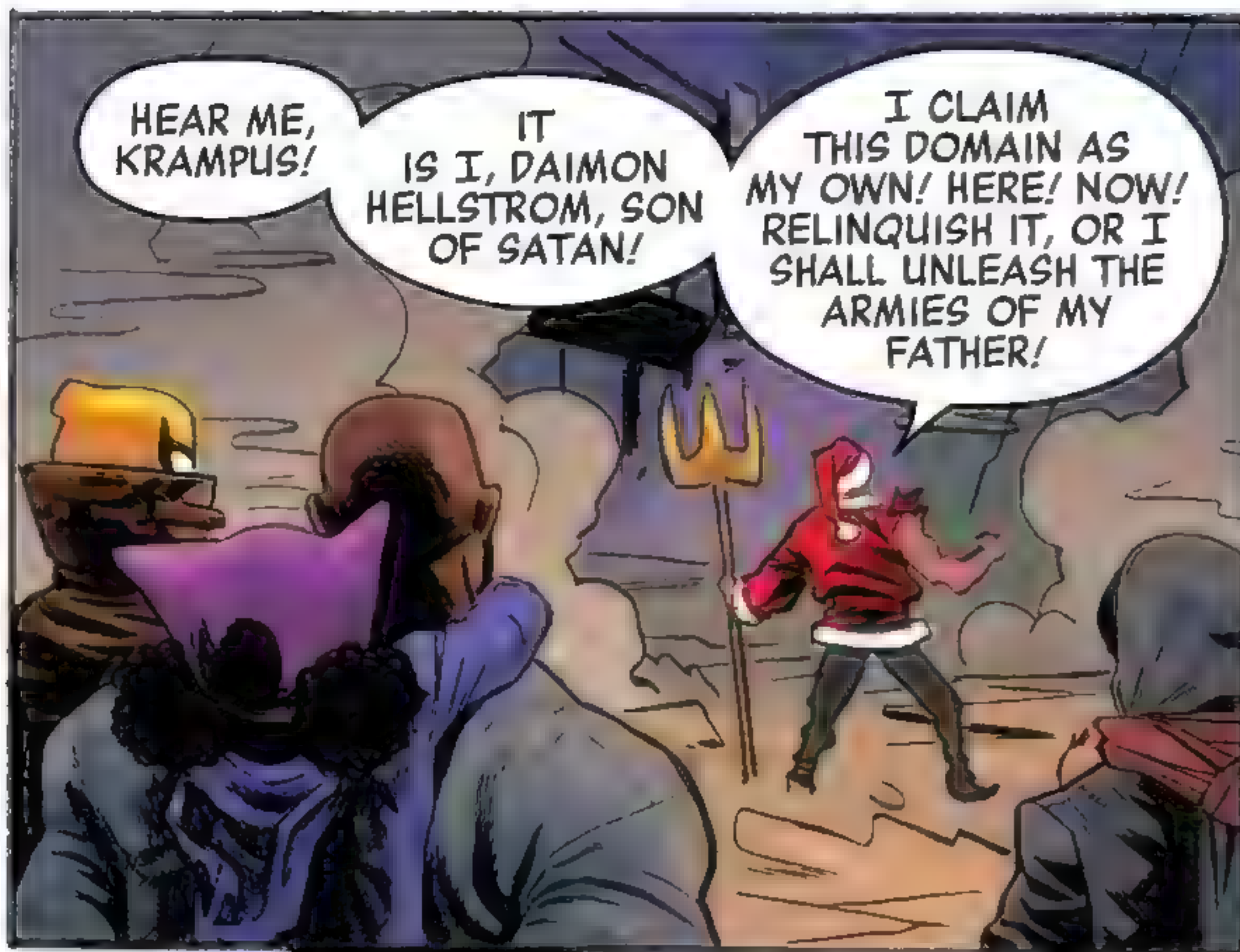
HE'S A DEMON. THAT ANSWERS EVERYTHING.

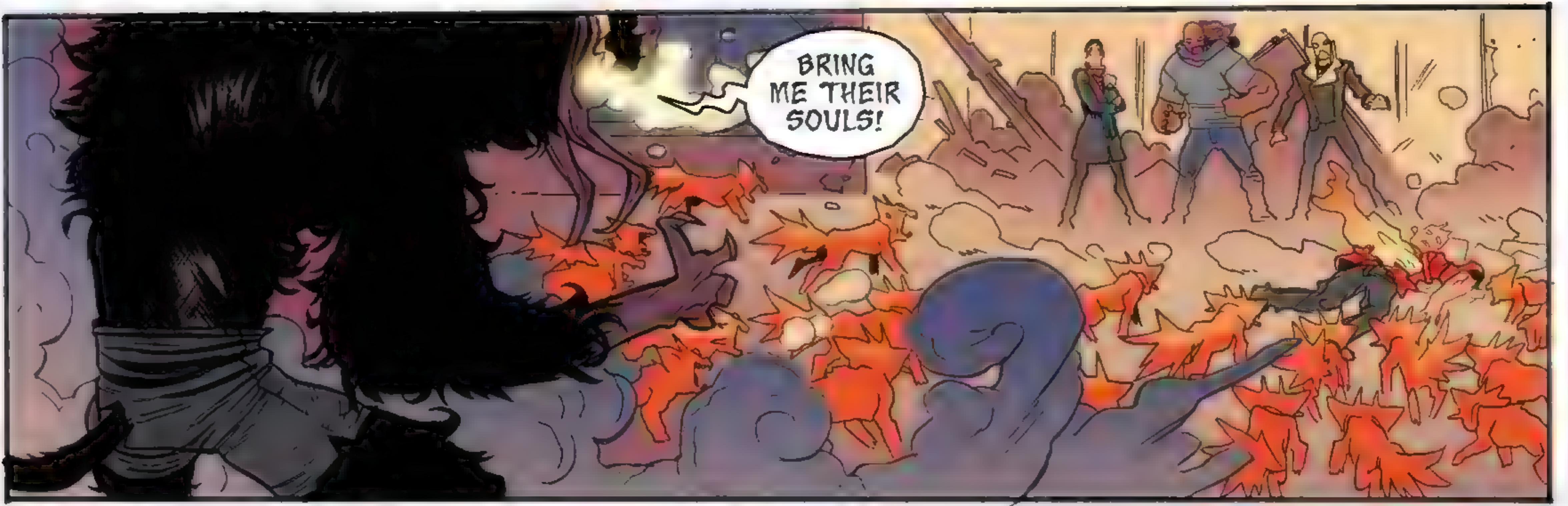


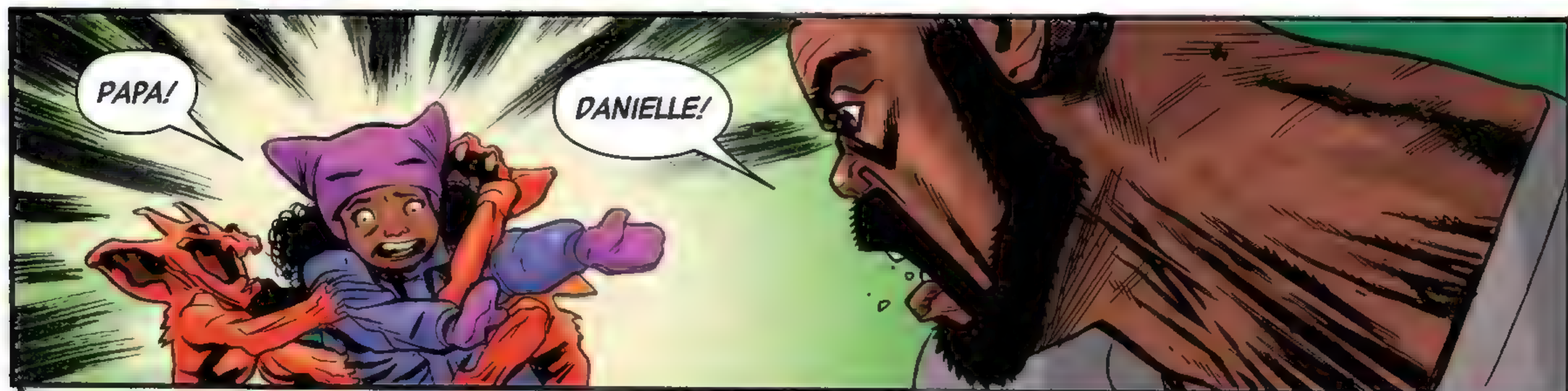
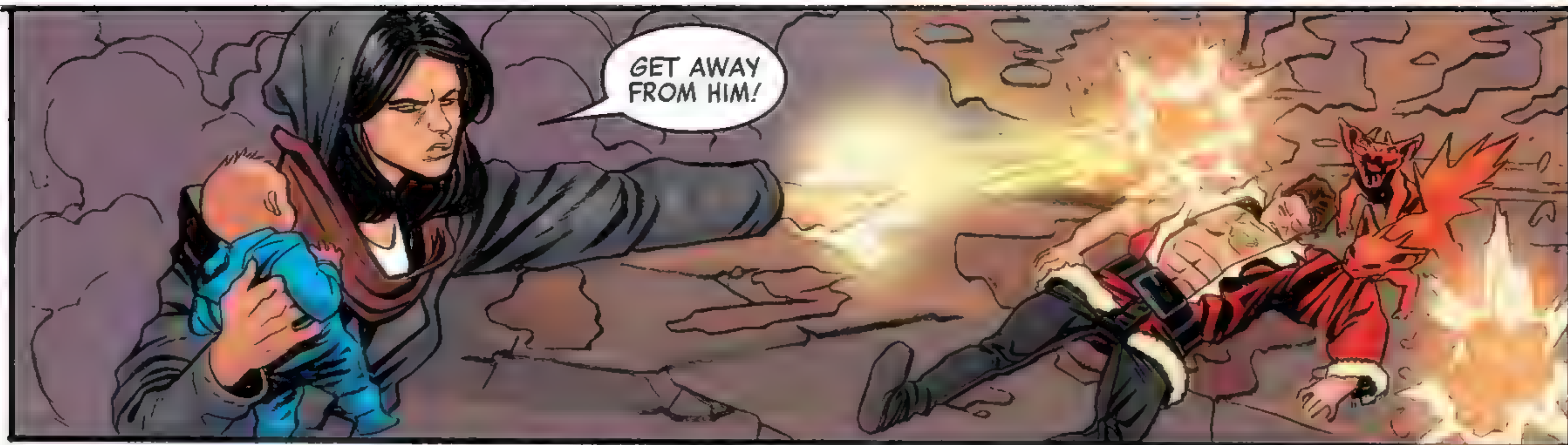
NO, THIS IS PART OF HIS PLAN. THERE'S A REASON HE CHOSE THIS PLACE AS HIS POINT OF INVASION--

--A CITY OF PEOPLE LOST IN THEIR SCREENS, NOT SEEING EACH OTHER. LOOK AROUND YOU. HE HAS CONQUERED THIS LAND.

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP HIM.











YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN HELL, KRAMPUS.



NO. NOT YOU.

YOU ARE... DEAD.

MINIONS! DESTROY HIM!



ARE YOU INJURED? CAN YOU FIGHT?

WE'RE GOOD!



I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE HELLSPOWN! YOU DEFEAT KRAMPUS!

A DEMON FROM HELL?!

FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR CHILD, YOU MUST!



LET'S DO THIS THING.

AIN'T NOTHING WORSE THAN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.



POWER MAN AND IRON FIST, MAD AS HELL...

TIME TO DO THAT THING WE DO SO WELL...

NO!





THANK YOU FOR
YOUR HELP. I COULD NOT
HAVE DEFEATED KRAMPUS
WITHOUT YOU. I WILL
RETURN HIM TO WHERE
HE BELONGS.

THE EFFECTS
OF HIS ATTACK WILL
QUICKLY FADE.

UNFORTUNATELY,
EVERYTHING THAT FOSTERED
THIS ATTACK--THE GREED, THE
LACK OF EMPATHY AND HUMAN
CONNECTION...HUMANITY
STILL HAS A LONG WAY
TO GO.



YOU...

...BUT...YOU'VE
BEEN GONE SO
LONG.

NO,
DAIMON, NOT
GONE...



...I HAVE
BEEN WATCHING
AND WAITING FOR THE
DAY I KNEW WOULD
COME--THE RETURN
OF KRAMPUS.

AND I
NEEDED TO BE
SURE THAT KRAMPUS
THOUGHT I HAD
MOVED ON--THAT
HE HAD FALSE
CONFIDENCE.



BUT ALL THIS TIME--
MORE THAN A CENTURY,
AND YOU HAVE DONE
NOTHING BUT
WATCH?

I'VE DONE
MORE THAN WATCH.
I'VE OPERATED IN
SECRET. COMING WHEN
I AM NEEDED
MOST...

...LIKE
WHEN A CHILD
CALLS OUT FOR
SOMETHING
THEY TRULY
NEED.



I CAN'T
PROTECT
THEM ALL--CAN'T
GRANT EVERY
WISH...



...BUT
I DO MY
BEST.

AS DO ALL
OF YOU--EVEN YOU,
DAIMON, THOUGH YOU
STRAY TOO OFTEN
FROM THE PATH.

THE
TRUE MEANING OF THIS
HOLIDAY--OF ALL HOLIDAYS--
IS LOVE. WE HONOR THOSE
WE LOVE. WE PROTECT
THEM.

I'M PROUD
OF YOU ALL
THIS DAY.



WAS THAT...
WAS THAT REALLY
HIM?

IT WAS.

DID HE...
DID HE JUST SAY
HE WAS PROUD
OF US?

I DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHAT
TO SAY.



SWEET
CHRISTMAS!

I THINK
THAT SAYS IT
ALL.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL PEOPLE, OF ALL FAITHS AND BELIEFS. MUCH LOVE.

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DON'T MISS

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IRON FIST**

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MING DOYLE
7 MARVEL TSUM TSUM TAKEOVER VARIANT



PASQUAL FERRY
8 DEFENDERS VARIANT



KRIS ANKA
SWEET CHRISTMAS ANNUAL 1 VARIANT

**TREVOR VON EEDEN
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SWEET CHRISTMAS ANNUAL 1 VARIANT



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The Marvel logo is displayed in its classic red and white design.

"Power Man and Iron Fist *is absolutely worth your time.*" – BlackNerdProblems.com

LUKE AND DANNY HAVE ONLY JUST PUT THE BAND BACK TOGETHER – **WILL CIVIL WAR II TEAR IT APART?**

MAYBE, WHEN IRON FIST FINDS HIMSELF behind iron bars! But who better to get him out of a cage than Power Man? Then again, Luke's crack team of former criminals may be more of a hindrance than a help! And there's the small matter of Captain Marvel's reaction to the Inhuman Ulysses' prison-break premonition! As for the philosophical disagreement underpinning the conflict rocking the Marvel Universe, our two heroes start out on the same side – but the predictive justice vigilantes Preemptive Strike may just change that! Plus: From Civil War to peace on Earth! It's Luke's favorite holiday – but demonic toys might make this a bitter Christmas, not sweet!

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